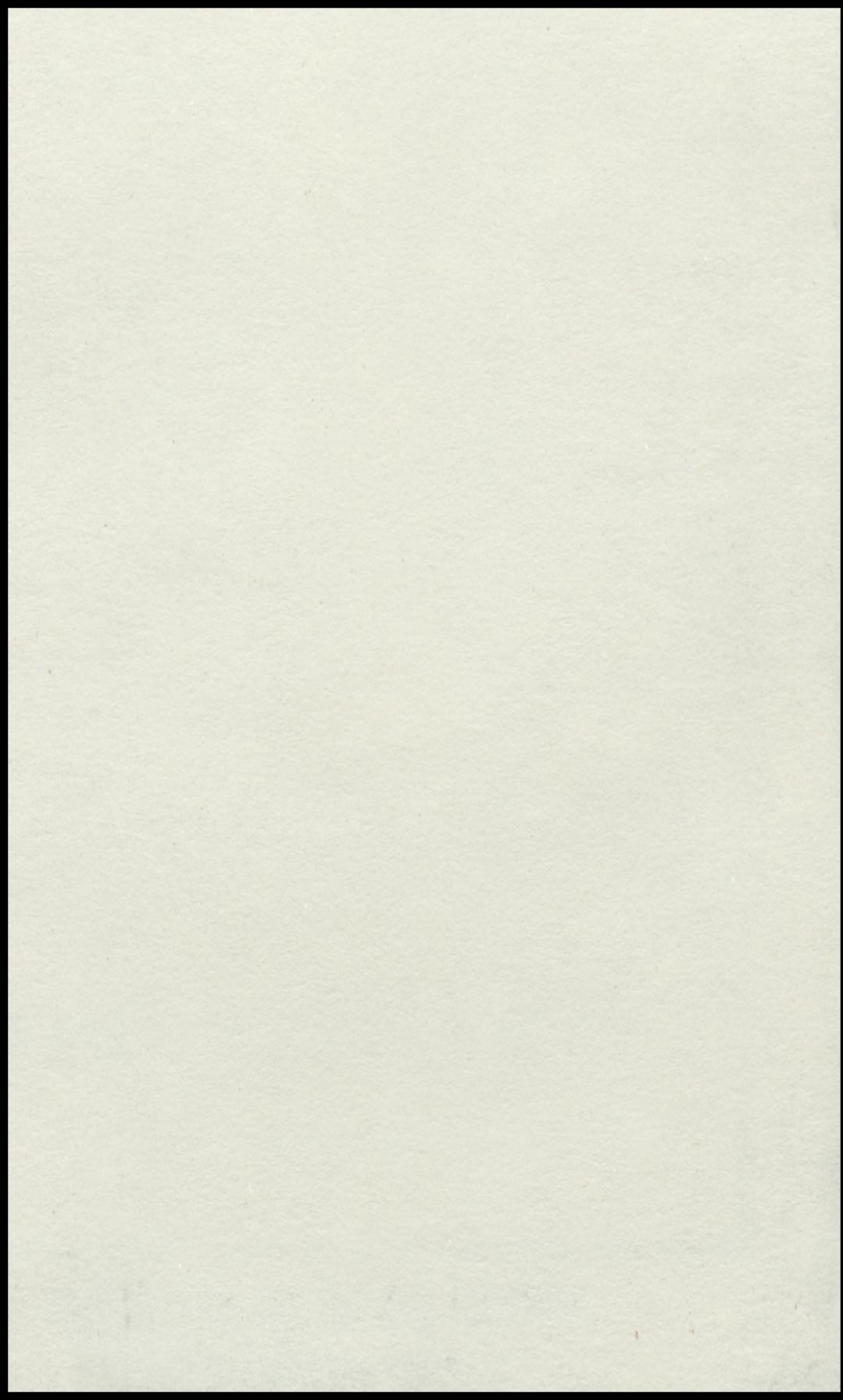


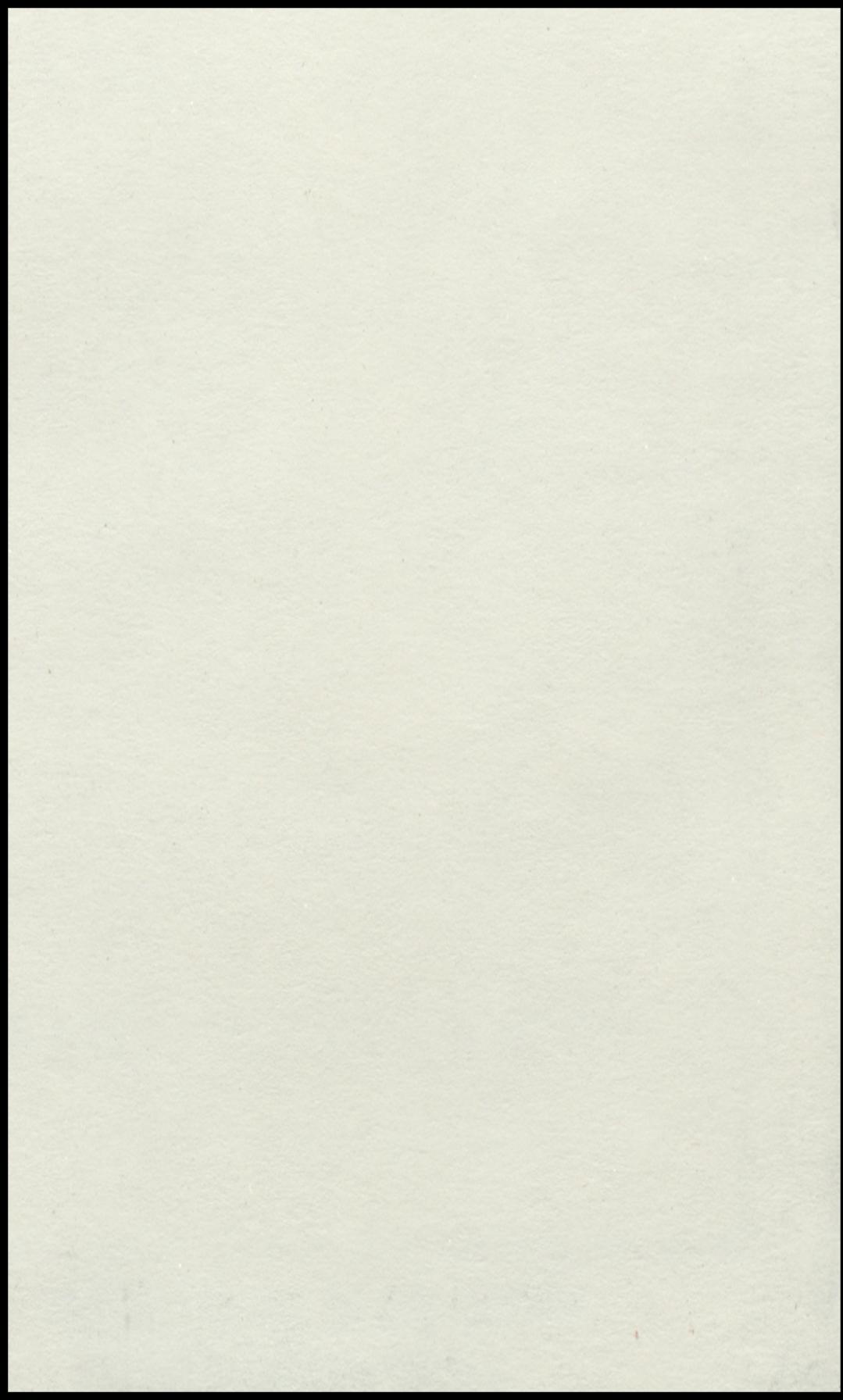
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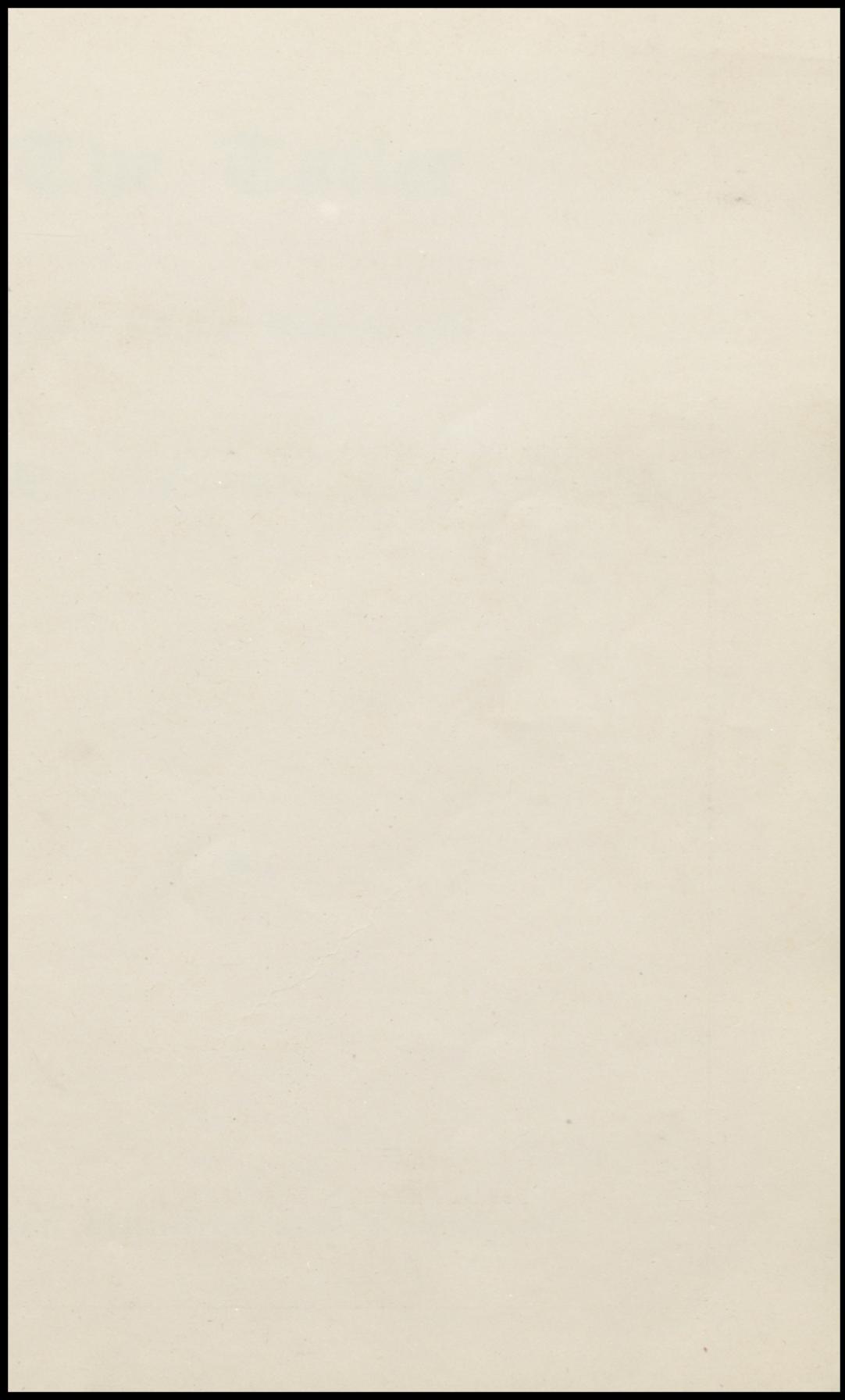
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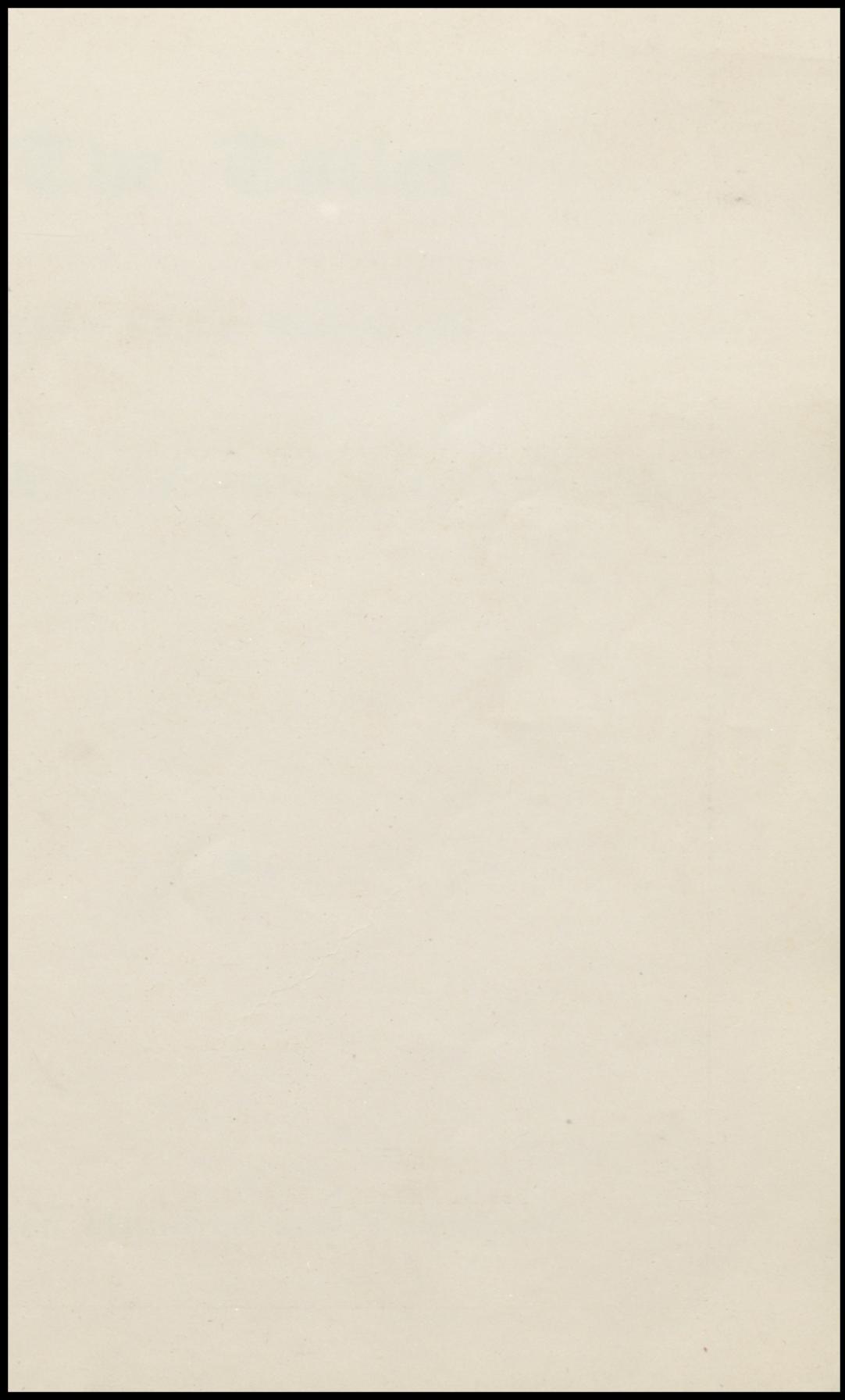
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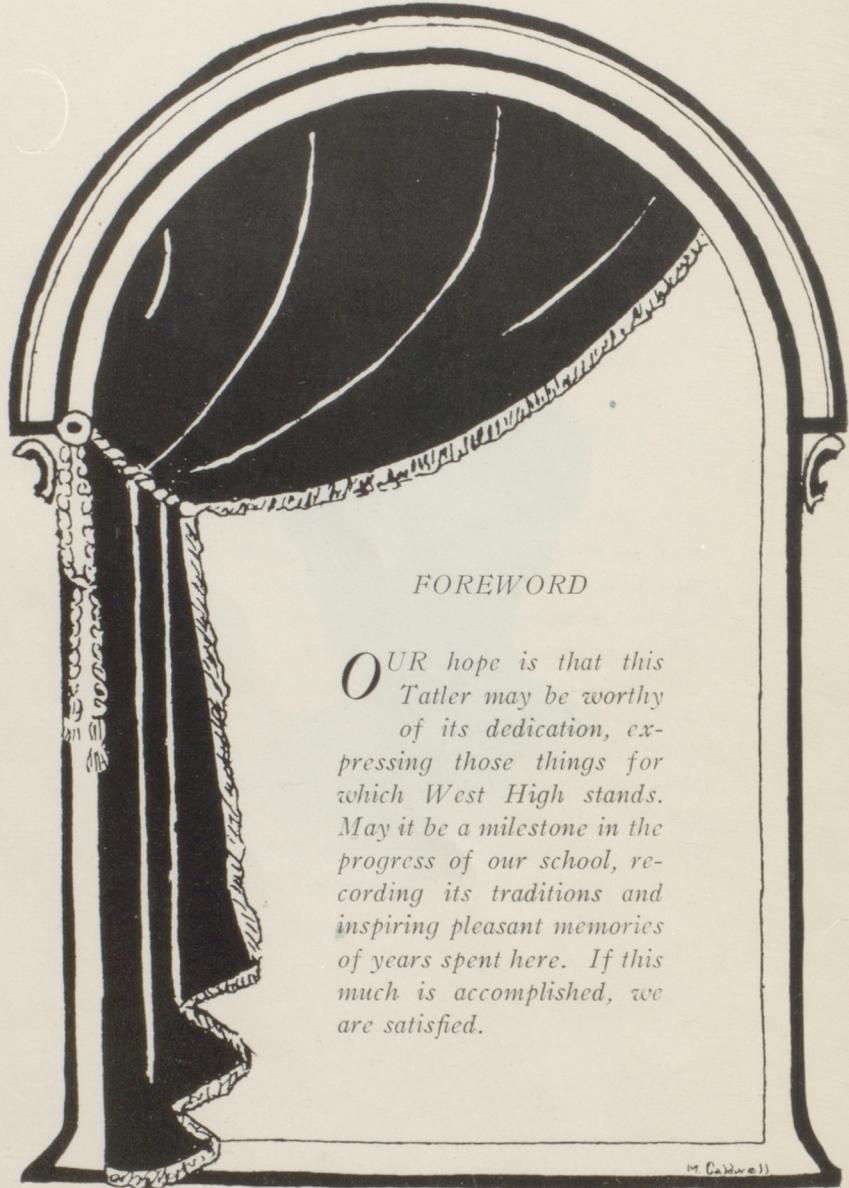
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OUR hope is that this Tatler may be worthy of its dedication, expressing those things for which West High stands. May it be a milestone in the progress of our school, recording its traditions and inspiring pleasant memories of years spent here. If this much is accomplished, we are satisfied.

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Hobby—*Golf*

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Ushers Chairman '25 '26

Y. M. C. A. '23 '24, Treas.

Pres. '26

Tatler Business Staff '23-'26

Business Mgr. '24 '25

Debate Team '26

Cosmopolitan Club '25, Treas.

W. D. M. '25

Debate Club '24-'26

Golf '25, W. D. M.

All School Play '25

Senior Play '24

Character Conference

Treasurer

HELEN BASS—“Pip”

Hobby—*Giggling*

Student Council '25

Cafeteria Chairman '26

Kyle Club '25, Rec. Sec. '25,

Pres. '26

Hypatia Pres. '26

Y. W. C. A. '24-'26

Cosmopolitan '26

Shenandoah '22 '23

Bridgewater High '24

Character Conference

Vice-President

ROLLAND VAN HORN—“Van”

Hobby—*Exounding*

Student Council '25 '26

Grounds Chairman '26

Y. M. C. A. '23-'26

Tatler Staff '23

Debate Club '24, Pres. '25 '26

Extemporaneous Team '25 '26

Debate Team '25 '26

Swimming '25, Capt. '26

W. D. M. '25 '26

All School Play '25

Senior Play '24

Character Conference

Girls' Advisor

MARINA PIEKENBROCK—“Max”

Hobby—*People*

Student Council '25 '26

Kyle Club '25 '26

Y. W. C. A. '24-'26

W. G. A. A. '24, Sec. '25

Camp Fire '24-'26

Tatler Staff '26

Character Conference

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Madelene McGreevy

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Thomas Ortale

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Deane Bay

Doris Miller

John Brayman

William Ward

Caroline Woodruff

Helen Pherrin

Kathleen Scanlon

Leinad Willey

Lucille Youtz

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ESTHER EVELINE AHRENS—"Snuggly-pup"

Hobby—Monologarism
Kyle Club '25 '26
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Math Club '24, Sec. '25
Chemistry '25, Sec. '26
Hypatia '24 '25
Latin Club '25
Character Conference

HAROLD ALLISON—"H. Allison"

Hobby—Trying to be good as the only boy in the Shorthand 4 Class
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
W. D. M. '25
Tatler Staff '26
Tennis '24-'26
Football '24
Basketball '23
Operetta '25
Glee Club '24 '25

MYRNA ANDERSON—"Shorty"

Hobby—Swimming
Y. W. C. A. '23, Vice-Pres. '24
Lesbian '23, Pres. '24
W. G. A. A. '23 '24
Dancing Club '23
Junior Life Saving Monogram
Character Conference

HUBERT BABEL

Hobby Sittin' in a corner
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
Dramatic Club '23 '24
Glee Club '24-'26
Operetta '25

FAYE BARBER—"Kitten"

Hobby—Golf
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Kylonian '24-'25
W. G. A. A. '24 '25
Camp Fire '25 '26
Cosmopolitan '25 '26
Golf Team '25 '26
Underwood Silver Medal '25
L. C. Smith Silver Medal '26
Tatler Staff '26
Dancing Club '23
Character Conference

JACK BARNES—"Jack"

Hobby—Athletics
Student Council '25 '26
Athletic Chairman '25 '26
Y. M. C. A. '26
W. D. M. '23-'26
All State Football Team Capt.
Track W. D. M. '24, Capt. '25 '26
Basketball W. D. M. Capt. '25 '26
Dancing Club '23
Character Conference

DEANE BAY—"Red"

Student Council '25
Glee Club '26
Operetta '26
Christmas Play '25
All School Play '26
Senior Play '26
Character Conference

VIRGINIA BEEMAN—"Ginnie"

Hobby—Spreads
Student Council '24 '25
Y. W. C. A. '22-'24
Lesbian '26
Hypatia '23 '24, Sec. '25
All School Play '25
Dramatic Club '22 '23
Dancing Club '23
Character Conference

ELIZABETH BERENS—"Beth"
Hobby—*Corrective Gym*
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Dramatic Club '23-'24
Tatler Staff '25-'26
L. C. Smith and Underwood Bronze
Medals

HELEN BERRY—"Peggy"
Hobby—*Swimming*
Y. W. C. A. '24-'26
W. G. A. A. '24-'26
French Club '26
Dancing Club '23
Glee Club '26
Camp Fire '25
Dramatic Club '24
Character Conference

KENNETH BIGELOW—"Swedo"
Hobby—*Buying R. S.'s gas*
Y. M. C. A. '25-'26
Glee Club '25-'26
Math Club '25-'26
Triple Quartet '26
Operetta '26 "I. J. Jones"
Cheer Leader '25
Character Conference

MARY LOUISE BONNELL—"Bonnie"
Hobby—*Nine-cent ties*
Lesbian '25, '26
All School Play '26
Senior Play

JOHN BRAYMAN—"Jawn"
Hobby—*Hard Work*
Y. M. C. A. '26
Tatler Ass't Business Mgr. '26
Math Club '25

MARIETTA BROWN—"Squeezeks"
Hobby—*Riding*
Tatler Staff '25

MAX W. BURKE—"Mac"
Hobby—*Singing*
Student Council '25-'26
Y. M. C. A. '24-'26
Debate Club '24, Vice-Pres. '25
Glee Club '24-'26
Triple Quartet '25-'26
Bible Club '24-'25
Basketball '25-'26
All School Play '25
Operetta '25-'26
Tatler Staff '26

EDNA BURR—"Ed"
Lesbian '24-'26
Camp Fire '25-'26
Tatler Staff '25





VERNON CAGE—“*Vernie*”
Hobby—*Girls*
Student Council '26
Y. M. C. A. '21 '22 '26
All School Play '26
Glee Club '21 '22 '24 '26
W. D. M. '25
Football '25
Track '21 '22
Character Conference

MARIE CALDWELL—“*Darlin’*”
Hobby—*Punching the machine in the cafeteria*
W. G. A. A. '26
Cosmopolitan '25 '26
Glee Club '25 '26
Orchestra '23-'26
Underwood Medal

HESTER CAMPBELL—“*Humpy*”
Hobby—*Winning points for W. G. A. A.*
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Dramatic Club '23
W. G. A. A. '23-'26
Numeral '25
Monogram '26
W. G. A. A. State Pin '26
Service Committee Chairman '26
Character Conference

HERMAN CARLSON—“*Herm*”
Hobby—*Sleeping*
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
Math Club '25 '26, Vice-Pres. '25

RUTH CARR—“*Just Bill*”
Hobby—*Trying to reform my friends*
Y. W. C. A. '25 '26
Hypatia '25
Camp Fire '25 '26
French Club '25
Underwood Bronze and Silver Medals

LESTER DAVITT—“*Les*”
Y. M. C. A. '26

ERMA DIXON—“*Ermie*”
Y. W. C. A. '24-'26
Tennis '25 '26
W. G. A. A. '24-'26
Kylonian '25, Sec. '26
Dramatic Club '24 '25
Tennis W. D. M. '25
Glee Club '26
Operetta '26
Character Conference

THOMAS EGGERS—“*Tom*”
Hobby—*Holding the sack*
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
Glee Club '25 '26
Football '23-'25
Track '23-'25
Basketball '24
Remington Medal
Character Conference

THELMA ELDREDGE—"Ted"

Hobby—"Y"

Student Council '25 '26, Treas. '25,
Sec. '26

Y. W. C. A. Pres. '24 '26
W. G. A. A. '24 '26, Vice-Pres. '25
Lesbian '24 '26, Vice-Pres. '25
Tennis '24 '25
All School Play
Class Dinner Committee Chairman
Social Commission Chairman '26
Honesty Commission Chairman '25

RUTH E. ELLIS—"Mildred"

Hobby—*Spreads*

Student Council '25 '26

Y. W. C. A. '23 '26

Tatler Staff '23 '26

Managing Editor '25 '26

Kylonian '24 '26

Cosmopolitan '25 '26

Senior Play "Mildred"

Class Day Committee Chairman

Dramatic Club '23 '24

W. G. A. A. '23 '24

Glee Club '23 '24

Underwood Silver and Gold
Medals

Character Conference

MINNIE FIELDS—"The Kid"

Hobby—*Home for the Aged*

Y. W. C. A. '21 '26

W. G. A. A. '24 '26

Bible Club '22 '24

Underwood Medal

Glee Club '21

Character Conference

MARGARET FLICK—"Marg"

Hobby—*Writing, "Goofy," stories*

Kyle Club '25, Treas. '26

Y. W. C. A. '23 '25, Vice-Pres. '26

W. G. A. A. '24 '25

Camp Fire '25

Hypatia '23 '24, Treas. '25 '26

Latin Club Council '25 '26

Character Conference

FLORENCE FLYNN—"Lucinda"

Hobby—*Pen pushing*

Student Council '25 '26

Kyle Club '26

Editor-in-Chief of Tatler '25 '26

Y. W. C. A. '24 '26

Hypatia '24 '26

W. G. A. A. '24

French Club '24

Remington Silver Medal

Underwood Bronze Medal

Camp Fire Treas. '25 '26

Cosmopolitan '25 '26

Red Cross Life Saving Monogram

All School Play '26

Character Conference

LA NORE RIGGLE FOWLER—"Noy"

Hobby—*Piano playing*

Tatler Staff '26

Underwood Medal

LAUREN J. FURMAN—"Jack"

Hobby—*Baseball*

Student Council '26

Y. M. C. A. '23

Dramatic Club '23 '24

Stage Manager '25 '26

PAULINE GAMMON—"Polly"

Hobby—*New one every week*

Y. W. C. A. '24 '26

Tatler Staff '26

Kylonian '24, Treas. '25

W. G. A. A. '24 '25

Math Club Sec. '25 '26

Senior Play

Orchestra '25

Operetta '25

Character Conference





DORIS GANSCHOW—"Baby"

Hobby—*Fighting*
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Hypatia '25 '26
Camp Fire '26
W. G. A. A. '25 '26
Math Club '23 '24
Latin Club '24
Tatler Staff '25

LORHETTA GLASSER—"Lolly Pop"

Hobby—*Swimming*
Y. W. C. A. '24
W. G. A. A. '24

OREL GRIFFITH—"Pat"

Hobby—*Motoring*
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
W. G. A. A. '23-'26
Camp Fire '26
Tennis '26
Tatler Staff '25

MAURICE GRUND—"Ting"

Hobby—*Chemistry*
Y. M. C. A. '24-'26
Tatler Business Staff '25 '26
Math Club '25 '26
Chemistry '26
Cosmopolitan '26
Science '24
Operetta '25 '26
Senior Play

MADOLIN HARTMAN—"Sherlock

Susie"

Hobby—*Hunting Harold*
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Math Club '24 '25
Hypatia '25 '26
Debate Club '24
W. G. A. A. '24
Camp Fire '24
Senior Play

DORIS HAYS

Hobby—*Reading*
Y. W. C. A. '23-'25
French Club '26
Glee Club '26
W. G. A. A. '25

IRMA HODSON—"Freckles"

Hobby—*Figures*
Student Council, Scholarship Chair-
man
Kyle Club, '25 '26
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Kylonian '23-'26
Cosmopolitan '25 '26
Math Club '25 '26
W. G. A. A. '23 '24
Character conference

DOROTHY JACOBS—"Dot"

Hobby—*Looking dignified*
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
W. G. A. A. '25 '26
French Club '25 '26
Orchestra

WILMA JENSMA—"Billie"
Hobby—*Basketball*
Y. W. C. A. '26
Orchestra
Mason City High

HOMER JEWETT—"Home"
Hobby—*Radio boats*
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26, Cabinet '25
Orchestra '24-'26
Band '24 '25
Senior Play Chairman
Character Conference

VILLA MAE JOHNSON—"Billy"
Hobby—*Helping Ruth reform her friends*
Student Council Hospitality Chair-
man '26
Kyle Club '26
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Hypatia '24-'26
Camp Fire '24-'26
Orchestra '23 '24
Cosmopolitan '25 '26
Underwood Award
Character Conference

ROBERTA KEKEIS—"Dolly"
Hobby—*Allen*
Y. W. C. A. '24-'26
Tatler Staff '26
Hypatia '25 '26
Dancing Club '23
Glee Club '24 '25
French Club '24 '25, Pres. '26
Senior Play "Mrs. Benson"

ROBERT KING—"Bob"
Hobby—*Running off at the mouth*
Student Council '26
Tatler Staff '26
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
Math Club '25 '26
Basketball '24-'26
Track Team '25 '26
W. D. M. '26
Character Conference

JULIA KINZLE—"Just Julia"
Y. W. C. A. '24-'26
Lesbian '25 '26

Gwendolyn LANCELOT—"Gwen"
Hobby—*Tennis*
Y. W. C. A. '25 '26
W. G. A. A. '24-'26
Dancing Club '23
Glee Club '25 '26
Dramatic Club '24
Hypatia '26

THOMAS LANGMAN—"Tom"
Hobby—*Second-hand flirvers*
Y. M. C. A. '26





ROBERT LEE—"Bob"
Hobby—*Golf and more golf*
Student Council '26, Halls Committee Chairman
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
Debate Club '22 '25 '26
Tennis '22
Golf '26
Roosevelt

BESSIE LYONS—"Bess"
Hobby—*Runnin' around*
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
W. G. A. A. '25 '26
Glee Club '25 '26
Camp Fire '25
Senior Play

MADELINE McGREVEY—"Mad"
Hobby—*Trying to look intelligent*
W. G. A. A. '24
Glee Club '24-'26
Senior Play

MARGARETE MANSFIELD—"Mugs"
Hobby—*Marietta*
Y. W. C. A. '24-'26
Lesbian '26
Camp Fire '25-'26
Senior Play

MARJORIE M. MASTERS—"Margie"
Hobby—*Birds*
Y. W. C. A. '24-'26
Tatler Staff '26
Hypatia '24, Treas. '25
Bible '24, Treas. '25
Cosmopolitan '26
Camp Fire '24, Sec. '25 '26
Castana High
Character Conference

DORIS MILLER—"Do"
Hobby—*Art*
Y. W. C. A. '24-'26
Tatler Staff '26
Kylonian '24-'26
Cosmopolitan '26
Pythagorean '25 '26
Camp Fire '24-'26
W. G. A. A. '24 '25
Golf Team '25
Character Conference

WALLACE MILLER—"Wally"
Y. M. C. A. '24-'26
Tatler '25 '26
Math Club '25 '26
Cosmopolitan '25 '26
Science Club '24 '25
Radio Club '23-'25
Techne '23 '24
Senior Play
Character Conference

FRANKLIN MOHLER—"Frank"
Hobby—*To play golf*
Y. M. C. A. '24-'26
Football '25
Basketball '25
Track '25
Character Conference

EVERETT MOORE—"Professor"
Hobby—*Arguing*
Math Club
Chemistry Club Vice-Pres. '26
Dramatic Club '23
Track '24-'26
Debate Club '24
Character Conference
Senior Play

GRETCHEN MOOREHOUSE—"Gret"
Hobby—*Camping*
Y. W. C. A. '23, Treas. '24-'26
Kylonian '24-'26
Camp Fire, Pres. '25-'26
Cosmopolitan '25 '26
W. G. A. A. '23, Sec. '24, Vice-Pres. '25, Pres. '26
W. G. A. A. Numerals '25
W. G. A. A. Monogram '26
Dramatic Club '24
Character Conference

BESSIE MORRIS—"Shorty"
Hobby—*Whispering in class*

YOLAND MORRIS—"Noodly"
Hobby—*Playing a uke*
Kylonian '26

EDGAR MUSGRAVE—"Ed or Mudger"
Student Council '25, Pres. '26
Kyle Club '25, Pres. '26
Y. M. C. A. '26
W. D. M.
Track '25 '26
Dramatic Club '23 '24
Glee Club '25
Debate '24-'26
Debate Team '25 '26
Swimming Team
Character Conference

GERALD MYERS—"Gary"
Hobby—*Singin' and swimmin'*
Y. M. C. A. '24-'26
Glee Club '24-'26
Triple Quartet '24-'26

ROBERT E. OLMSSTED—"Bob"
Hobby—*Athletics*
Y. M. C. A. '26
W. D. M. '26
Senior Play
Swimming '25 '26
Track '25 '26
Football '25
Glee Club '25 '26
Operetta '26
Character Conference

GEORGE ONTHANK—"Georgie"
Hobby—*Athletics*
Glee Club Pres. '24
W. D. M. '24
Football '24
Basketball '24
New Shannon High
Grinnell High
Greensboro, North Carolina





ALBERT LOUIS ORTALE—"Moon"
Hobby—*Being a member of the Rat Club*

Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
Cosmopolitan '25 '26
W. D. M. '26
French Club '25 '26
Senior Play
Football '25 '26
Track '25
Basketball '25 '26
Glee Club '24
Operetta '24
Character Conference

THOMAS ORTALE—"Tommy"
Hobby—*Admiring my monogram*

Student Council '26
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
Debate Club '25 '26
Latin '25
Cosmopolitan '25, Pres. '26
Math Club '25
Glee Club '24 '25
Basketball '25 '26
Operetta '25
Senior Play
Character Conference

HELEN B. PAGE—"Just Helen"
Hobby—*Swimming and Tennis*
Student Council '25 '26, Service Chairman

Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Bible Club '23, Sec. '24, Vice-Pres. '25
Kylonian '25 '26
Tatler Staff '26
Glee Club '23-'25
Cosmopolitan '26
Character Conference

ARDEL PERRINE
Y. M. C. A.

HELEN Y. PHERRIN—"Ximo"

Hobby—*Changing tires*
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Tatler Staff '26
Lesbian '23-'26
Techne Club '24 '25
Dancing Club '23
W. G. A. A. '23-'25
Dramatic Club '25
Character Conference

JAMES PROCISE—"Jazz"

Hobby—*Trying to get a monogram in basketball*
Y. M. C. A. '26
Glee Club '24-'26
W. D. M. '26
Basketball '25-'26
Football '25 '26
Character Conference

MARIE RANK

Hobby—*Lots of things — also fid-dling*
W. G. A. A. '25 '26
Cosmopolitan '26
Orchestra '23-'26
Techne '24 '25
Music Committee Chairman
Senior Play
L. C. Smith Award
Character Conference

DONALD REES—"Don"

Hobby—*Amateur Wireless*

HELEN REYNOLDS—"M. H."
Student Council '26
Y. W. C. A. '26
W. G. A. A. '24 '25
Hypatian '24 '25

OCTAVIA M. ROGERS—"Tate"
Y. W. C. A. '26
Cosmopolitan '25 '26

JANE ROSS—"Scotty"
Hobby—*Playing piano*
Student Council '25 '26
Y. W. C. A. '23-'26
Kylonian '25 '26
Girls' Glee Club '24-'26
W. G. A. A. '25 '26

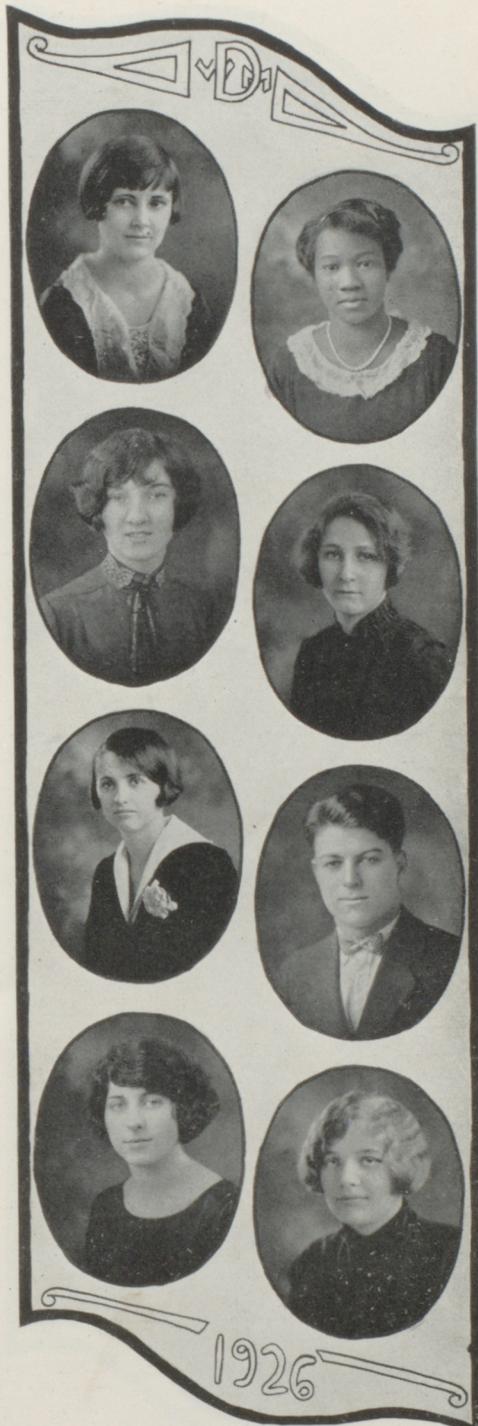
KATHLEEN SCANLAN—"Katy"
Hobby—*Horseback riding*
Y. W. C. A. '23-'25
Dramatic '23 '24
French Club '24-'26
W. G. A. A. '25 '26
Kylonian '25 '26
Glee Club '26

GENEVIEVE SMITH—"Gen"
Hobby—*Hiking*
Kylonian '26

RICHARD SORENSEN—"Dick"
Hobby—*Cranking my Ford*
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
Debate Club '25 '26
Math Club '26
Boys' Glee Club Pres. '25 '26
Cheer Leader '25
All School Play '25
Operetta '26
Senior Play
Triple Male Quartet '26

ETHEL MAY SPENCER
Hobby—*Reading*
Student Council
Major-Minor Chairman
Kyle Club '25 '26
Y. W. C. A. '24 '25
Honesty Commission Chairman '26
Bible Club '25
Kylonian '24-'26, Pres. '25 '26
Underwood Medal

ELIZABETH MOUNTFORD STOKELY—
"Betty"
Hobby—*Swimming*
Student Council '26
Y. W. C. A. '23 '24 '26
W. G. A. A. '23 '24
Kylonian '23 '24
Lesbian '26
Tennis '23 '24
Senior Life Saving Monogram
Character Conference





GWENDOLYN THOMAS—“Gwen”
Hobby—*Fooling the community*
Techne '25
French Club '24 '25

MAXINE VAN WINKLE—“Max”
Hobby—*Gallapin' around with a piece of trouble*
Y. W. C. A. '22-'25
Kylonian Club '25
Dancing Club '22-'23
Dramatic Club '22-'24
Math Club Vice-Pres. '24 '25
W. G. A. A. '24 '26

WILLIAM WARD—“Squeak”
Hobby—*Anything suggested*
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
Tatler Staff '26
Dancing Club '23
Basketball '25
Football '25
Roosevelt High

DOROTHY WEBSTER—“Dots”
Hobby—*Dieting*
Y. W. C. A. '22 '23
W. G. A. A. '25
Glee Club '25 '26
Senior Play

LEINAD WILLEY—“Blondie”
Hobby—*Music*
Y. W. C. A. '22
W. G. A. A. '22 '23
Glee Club '23-'26
Orchestra '25 '26
Operetta '25 '26
Remington Gold Medal

EVELYN WILSON—“Evie”
Hobby—*Music*
Y. W. C. A. '24-'26
W. G. A. A. '24
Glee Club '25 '26
Operetta '26
Remington Award
Underwood Award
L. C. Smith Award

SARA WINACHOR—“Sally”
Hobby—*Crackin' wise*
Kyle Club '25 '26
Corresponding Secretary '26
Y. W. C. A. '23-'25
W. G. A. A. '24-'26
Cosmopolitan '25 '26
Dancing Club '23
Dramatic Club '24
Kylonian Club '25, Sec. '26
Character Conference

CAROLYN WOODRUFF—“Curly”
Hobby—*I wonder*
Student Council '25 '26
Club Room Chairman
Kyle Club '26
Y. W. C. A. '24-'26
W. G. A. A. '24 '25
Math Club '24 '25
Camp Fire '25, Pres. '26
Hypatian '24, Sec. '25, Treas.
Vice-Pres. '26
Glee Club '24
Character Conference

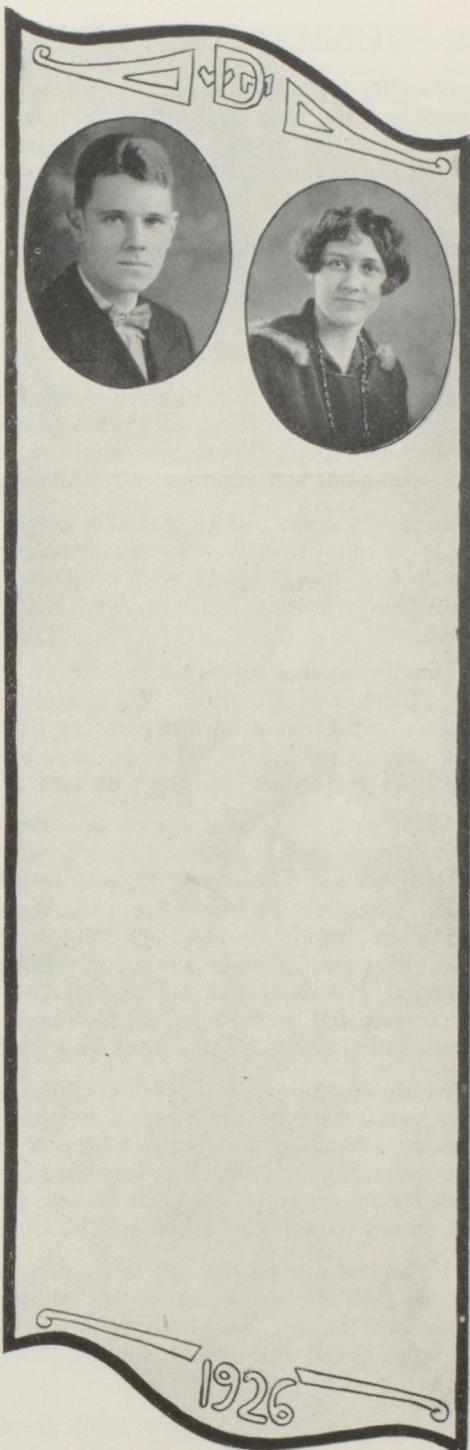
GERALD WRIGHT—"Tubby"
Hobby—*Music*
Glee Club '23-'26
Operetta '26
Y. M. C. A. '23 '24
Underwood Award

LUCILLE YOUTZ—"Lucy"
Hobby—*Hiking*
Y. W. C. A.
Hypatian '24-'26
French Club Treas. '24-'26

HARRY KRAMER—"Lightning"
Hobby—*Basketball and baseball*
Y. M. C. A. '25 '26
Latin Club '25 '26
French Club '25

EDGAR HOOD—"Rags"
Hobby—*Sleeping*

PHARIS MILLER—"Pharis"
Hobby—*Radio*
Band '25
Orchestra '25
Radio '24



JUNE CLASS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Looking back over the centuries we see a certain outstanding group of people, who, with the help of God, have mastered great problems, have sought after truth, and in so doing have obtained prominence and distinction not because of their station in society, not because of any hereditary influences, but because of their cultivated ability to think.

Probably the first of this outstanding line of thinkers was Socrates, and immediately following him come Plato and Aristotle with their philosophy of life and immortality. However, great as were these ancient Greeks, they sooner or later gave way to the thinkers of the Christian era in such men as St. Augustine and Bacon.

Dropping down into modern American history, Washington and Lincoln stand out before us as great constructive thinkers having foresight and perseverance. These two men are the type of person we wish now to produce, but can produce only through education.

It would seem unfair if I did not give recognition to at least a few people of our own day. Woodrow Wilson. What era has had a thinker who looked more wisely and providently into the future and laid the foundation of eternal peace on earth better than did this our own late president?

Finally, in making these references to world leaders, I wish to mention Edison and Burbank. In attaining their goal, faithful study, concentrated devotion to an idea, rather than hereditary environment or any imaginary gift from fabled gods, have been the mighty leverages by which they have built their enduring structures.

With such fine examples of thinkers before us, we may be led to believe that all is accomplished, but let us not assume this narrow-minded point of view. These men have only set the background for what is to come. Countless problems from the economic world are yet to be solved. The laborer wants his rights without striking for them. The investor will build cities and furnish work for millions but he wants his investments protected, not destroyed. The farm, the source of food, is now asking for counsel that no man can give. These are just a few of the tremendous questions before us. They must be solved. It is up to us to do our share.

Students, more people must come to realize that every lock, every safe, every barred window and bolted door proves that someone needs a better education and better character to more nearly deserve a place with humanity! Every Big Bertha, every drop of poison gas, speaks of a need somewhere, a need for a cure for evil, and speaks in a language that makes us shudder when we think of the next war.

From out our time a call is reaching us, one for men of deep thought who will fill the vacancies in this immortal line of souls. Anybody can think—that is accepted; but few are willing to meet the requirements of a deep thinker. Superficial, surface thought is too common; it is too shallow to be of any use.

Now, in order to be able to think deeply there are certain characteristics

which we must build into ourselves. First, we must be imaginative, able to portend the future, able to foretell the results of our undertakings. Second, we must be persistent, willing to remain with what we are doing until it is completed. Third, we must, through education and education only, graft into ourselves the power to concentrate. No student reaps the finest fruitage from any mental contact, if he is light-minded, and unable to concentrate on the subject, satisfied only to get by.

Education has been compared to a golden stairway reaching upward and outward into realms as yet unexplored. It is as permanent as the stars, as essential as the sunlight, and as beautiful as the daybreak when once we possess it.

IVAN ANTON.



CLASS POEM

Dear West High, our Alma Mater,
We have come unto our parting,
After four long years of labor,
After four short years of laughter.
Gladness we have shared together,
Gladness in the warmth of Springtime—
Joy in Autumn and in Winter.
On thine altars we have proffered
Gifts of loyalty and service—
We have held all thy traditions,
All thine ideals set before us;
We have learned the power of friendship;
We have felt the urge to struggle
On to reach thy highest standard.
Now our days with thee are ended.
Further life and high ambition
Call us onward to the conflict.
Wider still must grow our vision,
All our lives are yet before us,
All our hearts are reaching outward,
Upward, onward, ever onward
To the days that are before us.
But the lessons thou hast taught us,
Lessons in the joy of living,
Fellowship and self-oblivion,
Kindness to all men around us,
Will remain with us forever.
As our last farewell is spoken
All our hearts are filled with sadness
That we must be parting from thee;
But our gaze is ever onward,
Eager for the farther vision,
For we know we cannot falter
If we follow in thy footsteps,
Wear thy colors as our standard,
Tread the paths in which thou'st led us,
Guided ever by the knowledge
That the bond can ne'er be broken,
For it binds us to thee ever,
Though our pathways wide may sever
In the Land of the Hereafter.

MARGARET FLICK.

LEST WE FORGET

Oration by Minnie Fields

Delivered at Class Day Exercises on June 9, 1926

Tourists in mountain regions are often fascinated by the feats of daring performed by the natives. Up, up, up, over rocks that seem impassable to the beholder, they climb with agility and ease to the highest point accessible, clinging to the smallest edge of the rock with never a fear, and finding a foothold upon ledges that are scarcely perceptible.

It does not seem remarkable to them; they are schooled to such efforts from their earliest years; and it has become as second nature to them. Sometimes their hands may be torn in grasping a sharp bit of rock, or their feet may be cut by contact with its keen edge, but they do not heed the wound. Their eyes are on the goal ahead, and they pay but little attention to the rocks that they pass. They do not even question whether or not they can surmount the difficulties in the way; they know that they must surmount them.

In our daily lives, we, too, have been climbing toward some long-looked-for goal. The obstacles that have been in our path have often appeared as fierce and impassable as the rocks in those mountain gorges, but each day there has come help that strengthened us and schooled us for our future climb. We know that all things are possible of attainment if we are only determined upon success.

When Columbus turned toward the new land, his men wanted to turn back; but he sailed on, and gave no heed to their murmurings. The new land was discovered by this dogged determination. This is the spirit in which we, as independent individuals, should meet all the difficulties that confront us. Ignore the obstacles and they are already half over. Longfellow says:

“We have not wings, we cannot soar,
But we have feet to scale and climb
By slow degrees; by more and more
The cloudy summits of our time.”

The future climbing is glorious work, as the past has been, though the way was rugged at the time. There is such an inspiration in every step forward, such a thrill and satisfaction in every difficulty left behind that we share in part the mountaineer’s exultation as he mounts higher and higher toward the glittering peaks above him. We had a prize ahead of us that was worth striving for, and yet, there remain greater heights upon which we must keep our eyes persistently fixed. No obstacles in our way must daunt us. Instead, every hardship encountered should spur us on to greater effort, and fire us with firmer determination to conquer everything—everything that lies before us.

There comes a time in the lives of all young people when they feel it is almost useless to try to keep on against the apparently unsurmountable difficulties ahead of them, and are tempted to give up in despair and stop where they are for all time to come. That is one of the greatest and saddest mistakes of life. If life is worth living at all, success is worth climbing for.

If success in any undertaking were always easy to reach, there would

be nothing to spur us on to our best efforts; if there were no difficulties to be confronted, life would hold little incentive for any of us, for the harder the way is to climb, the more satisfaction there is in persevering to the end, and the richer the glory in reaching the goal. It is the battle-scarred warrior who wears the hero's medal; it is the victor who has fought the hardest and most discouraging fight who is crowned with the greatest laurel; it is the traveler who has come the longest and steepest distance who receives the warmest welcome; just as it is "those who have come up through great tribulation" who have received the crown of life.

But, laying aside all thought of reward at the end, it is well worth while to climb the cliffs in our pathway for the sake of the character developed. The influence upon our lives of every victory we gain cannot be overestimated, and what we acquire in self-control, in persistence, in earnestness, and in all those sterling qualities that make the true man or woman, is worth every effort, it matters not how difficult or how prolonged it may be. Character is formed and strengthened through the buffettings of Fate, just as the swimmer develops his muscle and skill by battling against the tide.

Our climbing so far has been easy, and the few peaks we have passed in the ascent have not been hard to surmount. Well-informed guides have picked places for our feet, and have pointed out the heights above us so enthusiastically that it has been only a pleasure to seek them, but the time is fast approaching when each of us must press forward alone. The rocks ahead look rugged and steep, but we have been schooled to the ascent like the mountaineer, and we need not fear to step boldly forward, determined to scale all heights, until we stand at last on the mountain peak of success.

What is this peak? It is a life of stronger character, higher ideals, and greater personal nobility and righteousness. It is a life that will not only satisfy us, but will lead another to the goal that we ourselves have fought to reach. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" By gaining this life for ourselves we spur someone else on to higher and better achievements or help him find himself in the tide of life. Thus our lives stand as monuments of a finer, truer and a more perfect humanity.

CLASS SONG

Moderato

JUNE, 1926

Douglas B. Grant.

1. It's for old West High we are striv-ing; For the school of the maize and blue, in her
halls and on the grid-iron, to her trust well e'er be true And when

West High is a mem'ry, a mile-stone in the years, When there're
trials to be met we will ne'er forget; And for old West High, "We Will."

We bid fare-well to old West High, to the school that's to us most dear,
But the friend-ly ties that have bound us here will live on through many a year
And through all the fu-ture, gleam-ing may her light burn strong and true;
We will pledge our faith, and our loy-alty, dear old West High, to you.





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CLASS OFFICERS



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President

GILFORD ATWOOD—"Gil"
Pet Expression—"Oh, how I miss
you tonight"
Student Council '25
Y. M. C. A. '24 '25
Honoraria—Leadership and Service
Latin Club '25
Radio Club '24

Secretary

FRANCES KEMP—"Frances"
Pet Expression—"Don't be silly"
Student Council '24, Sec. '25
Kyle Club '25
Y. W. C. A. '23-'25
Leisure Time Committee Chairman
'25
Character Conference
Service and Scholarship Literary
Award
Cosmopolitan Club '25
Hypatian Vice-Pres. '24
Pres. '25
Latin Club '25
Camp Fire Club '24, Vice-Pres. '25

Treasurer

IRENE CARTER—"Dy" or Ikky"
Pet Expression—"Oh, help!"
Student Council '25
Y. W. C. A. '22-'25
Cosmopolitan '25
Character Conference
Leisure Time Commission Chair-
man '25
Service Honoraria
Hypatian '25
Cafeteria Chairman '25
Debate Club '25
Dramatic Club '24 '25

Vice-President

HARRY KUYPER—"Old Dog"
Pet Expression—"For crying out
loud"
Student Council '25
Kyle Club Vice-Pres. '25, Pres. '25
Y. M. C. A. '24, Vice Pres. '25
Character Conference
Cosmopolitan Club '25
French Club '25
Bible Club '24 '25
Dramatic Club '22-'24
Honoraria—Scholarship
Underwood Gold Award
Remington Silver Award
L. C. Smith Silver Award
Spring Play '22

Boys' Advisor

GEORGE GRILL—"Georgie" or
"Magee"
Pet Expression—"Yes! I guess
not"
Student Council '25
Y. M. C. A. '25
French Club '24
Senior Play
Glee Club
Management Honoraria

Girls' Advisor

ROSE WILSON—"Rosie Roseplius"
Pet Expression—"My stars! Oh,
Joy!"
Bible Club '25
Underwood Bronze and Silver
Awards
Remington Silver Award
L. C. Smith Bronze Award



CORDY BLISS—“*Cody*”
Pet Expression—“*No foolin’!*”
Y. W. C. A. '26
Kylonian '26

CLARRISA CLAY—“*Cres*”
Pet Expression—“*Oh, My Cow!*”
Y. W. C. A. '22-'25
Underwood Bronze Medal
L. C. Smith Certificate
Bible Club '24 '25

LEONARD DUDLEY—“*Dud*”
Pet Expression—“*Who is she?*”
Y. M. C. A. '25
Latin Club '24 '25

IDA MAY DURFY—“*Mrs. Rhodes*”
Pet Expression — “*S-C-R-E-A-M*-
I-N-G”
Y. W. C. A. Vice-Pres.
Kylonian '24 '25
Senior Play
Character Conference

BESSIE EGGRERS—“*Carrots*”
Pet Expression—“*This here*”
Debate Club '25
Operetta '25

MILTON CHARLES FORSTER—“*Milt*”
Pet Expression—“*Aw-w-w*”
Student Council Pres. '25
Character Conference '25
Honesty Commission Chairman '25
Y. M. C. A.
Cosmopolitan Club
Senior Play
Orchestra '22
Band '22 '23
Math Club '25
Football Capt. 2nd Team '24 '25
Track '24 '25
Baccalaureate Committee Chairman
Honoria Leadership—name on
trophy cup

DWIGHT GIBSON

RICHARD GRANT—“*Dick*”
Pet Expression—“*No foolin’!*”
Y. M. C. A. '22
Math Club '24 '25
Glee Club '25 '26
Football '22 '23
Lake City '23
Rockwell City '22
Senior Play

JACOB GREEN—"Jake"
Pet Expression—"Got any gum?"
Cosmopolitan Club '25
Math Club '24 '25
Radio Club '24 '25
Glee Club '24 '25
Operetta '25

MERLE HESKETT—"Slim"
Pet Expression—"Let's go!"
Student Council '25
Senior Play
French Club '24 '25
Math Club '25 '26
Debate Club '26

WALTER HUTCHINSON—"Walt"
Pet Expression—"Hey, you"
Y. M. C. A. '23
Football '23

VIOLET JACOBS—"Jackie"
Pet Expression—"Well, Owen said
—"
Student Council '25
Y. W. C. A. '23-'25
Character Conference
Tatler Staff '24 '25
Senior Play
W. G. A. A. '23-'25
French Club '25
Class Dinner Committee Chairman
Underwood Bronze Medal

ROBERT JAMES—"Bob"
Pet Expression—"So's your old
man"
W. D. M. Club '24

BOWEN JOHN
Pet Expression—"You're crazy!"
Y. M. C. A.

MARY KENWORTHY—"Red"
Pet Expression—"Give the pass-
word"
Student Council '25
French Club '24 '25
Dancing Club '23

LUCILLE LYNN—"Myra"
Pet Expression—"Go-wan, Grand-
pa"
Senior Play
L. C. Smith Award





THERESA McCABE—"Mac"
Pet Expression—"You may pass to
the library"
Underwood Award
L. C. Smith Award
Remington Award

EARL NEWCOMB—"Newhy"
Pet Expression—"So true"
Y. M. C. A. '25
Cosmopolitan Club '25

MARTHA NICHOLS—"Marta"
Pet Expression—"Ah ha! she cried"
Y. W. C. A. '24-'25
Senior Play
W. G. A. A. '24-'26
Underwood Bronze Medal
Tatler Staff '25

LOUISE PARVIN—"Lolly"
Pet Expression—"Home brew"
Y. W. C. A. '23-'25
Kyonian '23-'24
Dramatic Club '24
French Club '24-'25
Techne Art Club '24

GEORGE PETERSON—"Pete"
Pet Expression—"Where's
Shorty?"

LUCILE BOYCE REEVES—"Skinney"
Pet Expression—"Let George do
it"
Y. W. C. A. '23-'25
Character Conference '25
Hypatia '23
Tatler Staff '25
W. G. A. A. '23-'25
French Club '24-'25
L. C. Smith Award
Dancing Club '23

HENRY RISE—"Honk"
Pet Expression—"Oh, shucks!"
Y. M. C. A. '24-'25
Cosmopolitan Club '25
Debate Club
Chairman Tatler Annual Commit-
tee
Senior Play

THOMAS SEARCY—"Tom"
Y. M. C. A. '26
Student Council '25-'26
Operetta '25
All School Play
Senior Play
Basketball '24-'25
Football '24
Swimming '24-'25
Character Conference '25
W. D. M. Club '24-'25
Dancing Club '23
Glee Club '24-'25
Tatler Staff '25

REX SCHOONOVER—"Buttercup"
Pet Expression—"Oh, my golly!"
Y. M. C. A. '24 '25
Senior Play Committee Chairman
Glee Club '23 '24
Swimming '24 '25
Operetta '25

LEOTA STELL—"Lee"
Pet Expression—"Well, Don said
—"
French Club '24 '25

ARLENE SUFFEL—"Brown Eyes"
Pet Expression—"Is that so?"
Student Council '25 '26
Chairman Class Pins and Rings
Committee
Hypatia '25
French Club '24 '25
Glee Club '25 '26

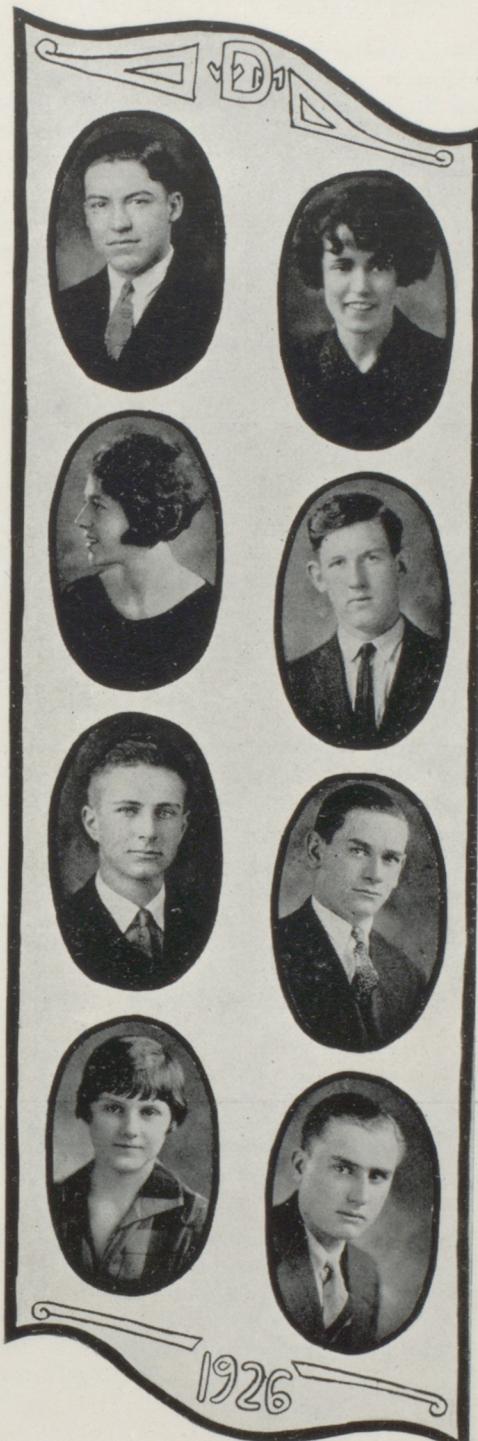
WARREN THOMAS—"Red"
Senior Play
Glee Club '25

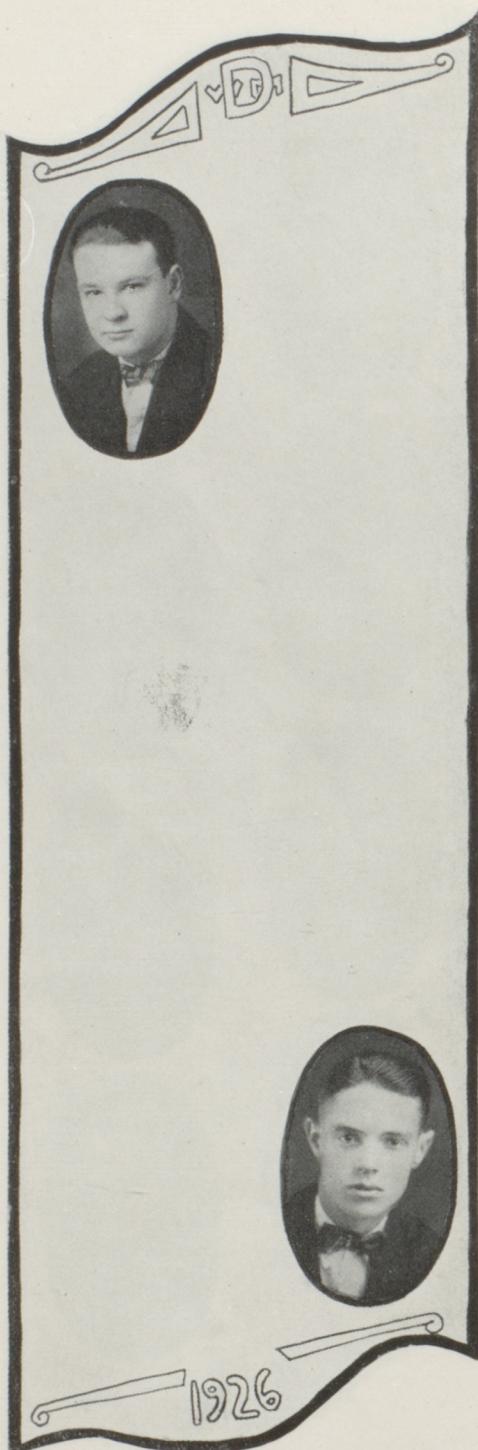
PAUL TOOMBS—"Toombs"
Pet Expression—"Age before beauty"
Y. M. C. A. '23-'25, Treas. '25
Cosmopolitan Club
Bible Club '24 '25, Pres. '25
All School Play
Senior Play

WAYNE ULM—"Slim"
Pet Expression—"Zat so?"
Y. M. C. A. '24 '25
Football '23 '24
Horseshoe Team '24 '25
Tatler Staff '25

MARGARET WILLIAMS—"Peg" or
"Babe"
Pet Expression—"My word!"
Y. W. C. A. '23-'25
Character Conference '25
Hypatian Tres. '24, Sec. '25, Vice-
Pres. '25
Senior Class Social Committee
Chairman
W. G. A. A.

ROGER WILLIAMS—"Rog"
Pet Expression—"Go choke!"





OTHMER WOHLGEMUTH—"Wozzle"
Pet Expression—"Hurry up"
Honoraria—Dramatics and Service
Dramatic Club '23 '24
Glee Club '23 '24
Senior Play
All School Play
Orchestra '21 '22 '24 '25
Band '24 '25

MARY MYRTLE CASSELL—"Myrl"
Pet Expression—"None"
Y. W. C. A. '25

ALICE GUYE—"Punkins"
Pet Expression—"Well, I hope to
honk"
Y. W. C. A. '25
L. C. Smith Award

DONALD HOOD—"Don"
Pet Expression—"None"
Tatler Staff '24
W. D. M. Club '24 '25
Football '23 '24
Track '24
Golf '23 '24

Summer School Graduates

ALLEN ALEXANDER—"Just Allen"
Hobby—Roberta
Y. M. C. A. '23-'25
Glee Club '25
Techné '24 '25
Operetta '25

WILLIAM BARNES—"Bill"
Hobby—Higher ideals
Y. M. C. A. '21 '22
Dancing Club '23
Glee Club '21 '22

VERONA BUTCHER—"Butch"
Hobby—Swimming
Student Council '25
Y. M. C. A. '24
Glee Club '24 '25
Operetta '25
Football '24
Basketball '21-24
Track '22-'24
Swimming '23 '24

TONY CORDARO—"Tony"
Hobby—Sport writer
Student Council '24
Y. M. C. A. '24 '25
W. D. M. Club '24 '25
Football '24
Basketball '24

AUGUSTUS KILLIBREW—"Gus"
Hobby—Studying?
Glee Club '24 '25
Operetta '25
Swimming '23

LYDA ASHMAN McCLEARN
Hobby—Home
Y. W. C. A. '24 '25
Kylonian
W. G. A. A.

QUENTIN MEASE
Hobby—Sleeping
Y. M. C. A. '25

GLENN ATKINS—"Tommy"
Hobby—Athletics
Student Council '24
Senior Class Pres. '25
Y. M. C. A. '25
W. D. M. Club '23-'25
Basketball '23-'25
Track '24 '25
Football '24
Tennis '24 '25
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Operetta '25

JANUARY CLASS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

It has often been said that all men are created free and equal. I wish that this statement might be literally verified. It would be a wonderful world if each person had the same chance in life. To me, we all have equal chances in one way, and that is, if we possess a certain amount of physical and mental ability, we can have an equal opportunity to attain success.

We, the forty-two graduates of the January class of 1926, are in a sense, free and equal. We have before us the world; we have before us the greater part of our lives yet to be lived. We come, in a certain sense, to the fork in the road where we must, as has been said by one of the leading economists, decide to our own satisfaction what success means.

Many fields of endeavor are open to us. We must choose our field and govern ourselves accordingly. If our goal in life is a moderate contentment, then perhaps our choice should be a profession or trade. If on the other hand, we wish to have control over capital and labor, then the answer must be business.

But in deciding our course, we must consider the risks and responsibilities of each. In the case of a trade, we can look to a reasonable amount of success with a high school education. But in the case of a profession or business, one must have, in order to compete with the men of the future, a high degree of education. This means an expenditure of money which some of us cannot afford. It has been well said that a higher education helps to equalize industrial opportunity, but it is only the higher income groups who can afford to send their children to college. So again we wonder, are all created free and equal? We may conclude that if we can afford only a high school education we do not have as good a chance, other things being equal, as the person who has had four or five years and maybe more of college training.

Is it the education we receive that will fit us for later life? Is it just the fact that we go to college and read books, and solve our problems in mathematics that will make us successful? No, certainly not. It is the training of mind that we gain in high school and college. The more we develop our mental power, the more industrial opportunity we will have if we realize its correct use, but we must with that training and that development, use all of our powers, mental, physical, and moral in the struggle of life to reach the goal of success.

Today we are bound together by close friendships. Tomorrow, in the sense of the future, we will be widely separated. We will think of each other only in memory. Some of us will go to work; some will enter their life work; and the rest of us, I wish it might be all, will seek a higher education.

Tomorrow we leave West High, the school we love, the school which we always shall cherish, not as an institution of learning alone but because of the high regard in which we hold the faculty and the friendships which we have formed among the student body. It is with true affection for the faculty and an appreciation of the high standards set before us that the January class of 1926 leaves West High.

GILFORD ATWOOD.

WORLD BROTHERHOOD

Oration by Milton Forster

Delivered at Class Day Exercises on January 27, 1926

During the past few years we, the American people, have been devoting our time, thought, and energy to that end which will bring about world brotherhood. It has been the focus of our national and international thought ever since the conclusion of the great world war. This problem is yet unsettled; no plan of world brotherhood has been fully carried out; many attempts have been made, some of which were successful in part, and others not at all; but the problem remains, and it must be solved.

World friendship is the burning question of the world today, because we hold in memory the devastation of property and the extermination of life which took place in the last war. We can turn back the pages of our memory and visualize the happenings of the last twelve years. We can see that the whole thing grew out of prejudice, palliation, and a murder. Other events happened quickly; promises were broken; ethics were forgotten; and the helpless were murdered, all for the one goal of greed for land and power. The cost of this was great in money, yes; but greater than all the money that this wide world holds was the loss of our friends and dear ones.

We also see, or rather imagine, something of what our next war may be like if the improvements and inventions that science has contributed in the last decade are used in destructive warfare. Scientists have increased the speed of the airplane until the naked eye can scarcely follow its movement in the sky, and one can only hear it as it buzzes along its course. Planes have been made more economical, more dependable, and greater in cruising range. Science has developed the radio to transmit messages, energy, and directions by the radio compass. The battleships of the ocean and of the air have been successfully maneuvered by radio control. More deadly poisonous gases have been discovered, and governments hold many secret formulas and defensive plans in readiness.

The common people of the world are coming to realize that nothing is gained by prejudice, hatred, or war, but that greater things can be accomplished through friendship.

The attempts at brotherhood all through the ages have not sprung from the heart or emotions, but have been the product of policy, advantage, or political principles. They have been for class or race rather than for the benefit of all people. It is impossible to bring out of this chaos an era of friendship immediately. The world must first turn away from the thoughts of hatred and prejudice, and learn the lessons of love and justice. If the spirit of enmity and hatred can be engendered in one's individual and national character as it has been heretofore, so also can the spirit of friendship, love, and justice be cultivated. Any one of us will admit, upon looking at history, that the world has paid a stupendous price for not recognizing this simple truth. The world will continue to pay that price until it sees the folly of provoking armed warfare.

The people of today are feeling strongly the need of some great bond which will bind the whole world together in friendship and brotherhood.

They have experienced the bond of peace and friendship made by sovereigns on paper, and have seen what an utter failure it has been at times. The people of the modern world now want a world peace, world brotherhood, and world friendship for which every individual feels himself responsible. In the past few years there have been many movements of this sort afoot. The women of Wales gathered in a great convention, and created a document stating their fears of the next war and their hopes of securing the aid of the American women in maintaining world peace. This was signed by 400,000 Welch women and then forwarded to America to receive the co-operation of the American club women. Mr. Edward Bok, the great editor, gave a prize of one hundred thousand dollars for the best plan by which world peace might be maintained. The modern world-wide net-work of finance, industry, and trade tends to unite on one common basis for all nations, and in that way, is creating a stepping stone to world brotherhood. The great powers of the world have been interested in organizations and parleys for the maintenance of world peace as the League of Nations, The Hague Tribunal, The World Court, and a number of disarmament conferences. Just recently the great powers of Western Europe convened at Locarno, Switzerland, and made very profound plans for both the economic and pacific good of Western Europe.

In the decades past, the nations firmly believed that the way to prevent war was to have a great armed force on hand to show that aggression would be impossible. In directing their actions along this line, the leading countries were in competition to see who could create a greater or more modern force of war. This pessimistic attitude resulted in the spending of unlimited amounts for military and naval preparations. Finally, the nations realized that they must take an optimistic attitude, that world peace could not be founded by war organizations, but that they merely incensed fear and jealousy among the nations. The real way to prevent war and to secure world brotherhood is by peace organizations, whose membership consists of the greater portion of the people in this world, who will strive to establish and live their standards of peace and fraternity.

Our ideal of brotherhood, which must be in direct relation to world peace, is expressed by the parable of the Good Samaritan, which Christ of Nazareth told to a certain lawyer when he asked the question, "Who is my neighbor?" In a ditch along-side of the road which runs between Jericho and Jerusalem, lay a man beaten, bruised, bleeding, and naked. Along the road came two Jewish high priests, and as they saw this man they veered over to the other side of the road and passed on. Along came a Samaritan, who saw this man and went to his aid. The Samaritan bound his wounds, and placing him on his donkey, walked along-side, supporting him, until they reached the nearest inn. There he cared for the man overnight, and when leaving he paid a certain sum, and said, "Take care of him, and whatsoever thou spendest more, I, when I come back again, will repay thee." Our ideal of world brotherhood is expressed in that parable. It is only when we take an interest in the welfare of our brothers that the right relation of race to race, nation to nation, and individual to individual will result.

The responsibility of carrying our ideal into action rests upon all the people in their daily lives, and especially upon the youth who have the vision of the future before them, and who will be the men and women

that will make the future of this world. It especially is a burden of the youth of our country, for they have had engendered in their lives democracy, freedom, love, and justice, the cornerstones of our great nation. Therefore, my classmates, upon you and upon the many other students in the colleges and high schools of the civilized world, rests the responsibility of carrying the standards of world brotherhood, love, and justice over the battlements of prejudice, hatred, and war to the victory of world peace.



CLASS POEM

Dear old West High, our time has come
Our four short years with you are done.
The Fates have kindly with us dealt,
For great have been their bounties felt.
With finest training we've been blessed,
How it is used will be the test.

As Freshman students to West we came
With great desire to win much fame.
As Sophomores, in the second year,
There was more of hope and less of fear.
When Juniors, many as a rule,
Engaged in service for the school.
Our Senior year we reached at last,
The goal of those years just past.

And so, we're looking forward still to
College or business as a hill;
These challenge us to onward climb
By giving strength and self and time.
True friends would be the greatest thing
That any sort of life could bring;
Especially here has this been so
Since clubs have helped to make them grow.

When we have oft been tired and sad,
Teachers have cheered and made us glad.
Then we have learned to play the game,
With success or loss to act the same;
To be the sport that West's traditions
Demand of us, despite conditions.

To character much thought's been paid,
A firm foundation's here been laid.
We'll try to live both true and strong
By keeping out what hints of wrong.
Our problems we have had to meet,
Sometimes with joy, sometimes defeat.

Here by principles we've been taught;
A dream of service we have caught
Of a life that's spent for humankind
By giving strength of soul and mind.
So now, into the world we'll go—
Some may rise high, some may stay low—
But wherever we are or whatever we do
To you, West High, we'll all be true.

FRANCES KEMP.

CLASS WILL

We, the class of January, 1926, of West High, Des Moines, in the county of Polk, and state of Iowa, having completed our course in aforesaid school, being sound of body and of disposing mind and memory, do make, publish, and declare this writing to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking all other testamentary writing by us heretofore made.

We hereby direct that our departure shall be announced over WHO.

As to our belongings that we have acquired by the sweat of our brows, the brawn of our arms, or the ingenuity of ourselves, we dispose as follows:

To our faculty we give permission to collect all royalties which they can from our wise cracks and bright sayings.

To our faithful and obedient janitors we leave our old test papers to recorrect.

To our student council we bequeath our appreciation for their untiring efforts to lead us to high standards of citizenship.

After all expenses have been paid and our chief assets distributed as above stated, the individual members of this honorable group wish to bequeath as follows:

Merle Heskett bequeaths to Wilbur Ashford his ability to carry on a rapid-fire conversation.

With a heart of a Caesar, Tom Searcy leaves his knack of handshaking the teachers to Yale Pearlman.

Sagaciously, Irene Carter gives her phantasmagoric, bombastic, and venerable manner to Bothilda Mahler.

Louise Parvin and Mary Kenworthy submit their ability to get along together to Helen Huff and Vernon Cage.

Leota Stelle and Lucille Lynn yield their successful dieting system to Yoland Morris and Maurice Grund.

Margaret Williams and Frances Kemp donate their ability to impersonate "Mutt and Jeff" to Bob Foster and Jack Youngerman.

Violet Jacobs leaves her sweet and kind disposition to Lena Norton, hoping she will use it to the best advantage.

George Peterson leaves his refreshing cackle to George Heavren.

Dwight Gibson and Leonard Dudley bequeath their bashfulness to Dollie Thomas and Walter Fairfield.

Milton Forster gives the secret formula for his red nose to anyone who cares to investigate his cellar for it.

Gilford Atwood leaves his obnoxious ball room dancing ability to the renowned floorwalker, Ted Brown.

Dick Grant bequeaths his winning ways with the fair sex to Donald Johns.

Martha Nichols submits her art of Charlestoning herself to work in the school library to Roberta Kekeis.

Jacob Greene leaves his ability to impersonate Al Jolson to Robert Lee.

George Grill gives his vast influence among the younger generations to Chad Letton.

Paul Toombs bequeaths his ability to pick the most beautiful ladies to Russell Namanny.

Harry Kuyper submits his marvelous and studious brain power to be equally divided among the Kyle Club members.

Walter Hutchinson, Earl Newcomb, and Roger Williams leave their knack of keeping out of mischief to James Procise, Alfred Shepherd, and John Brunson.

Arlene Suffel and Alice Guye submit their ability of knowing the latest news to Dorothy Wilson and Bernice Hafner.

Bessie Eggers, Lucille Boyce Reeves, and Warren Thomas, the sorrel-topped musketeers, bequeath their excellent hair dye to Dean Bay.

Clarissa Clay, Theresa McCabe, and Ida May Durfy leave their unfinished tasks to any willing worker, preferably Al Ortale, Tom Ortale, John Ortale, or any other Ortale that might enter West High.

Othmer Wohlgemuth gives his art of making your face black or blue at the school dances, with his lights, to Lauren Furman.

Donald Hood leaves his successful introduction to professional football to William L. Richardson.

Bob James leaves his six semesters of ineligibility to William Ward, providing he does not attempt to beat Bob's record.

Henry Rise transmits his tireless efforts to keep quiet in Mr. McGregor's classes to his rival, George Schuck.

Wayne Ulm bequeaths his powerful and thundering voice to Edgar Musgrave, with regrets that he won't be back to hear Edgar use it.

Rose Wilson leaves her stern looks to "Billie" Clark.

Bowen John leaves the immense satisfaction that he derived by getting ones in Physics to Pauline Gammon.

Mary Cassell yields her vast knowledge of the past to the school library to be used for references.

Rex Schoonover gives his "McCormick's only rival" voice to Hubert Babel.

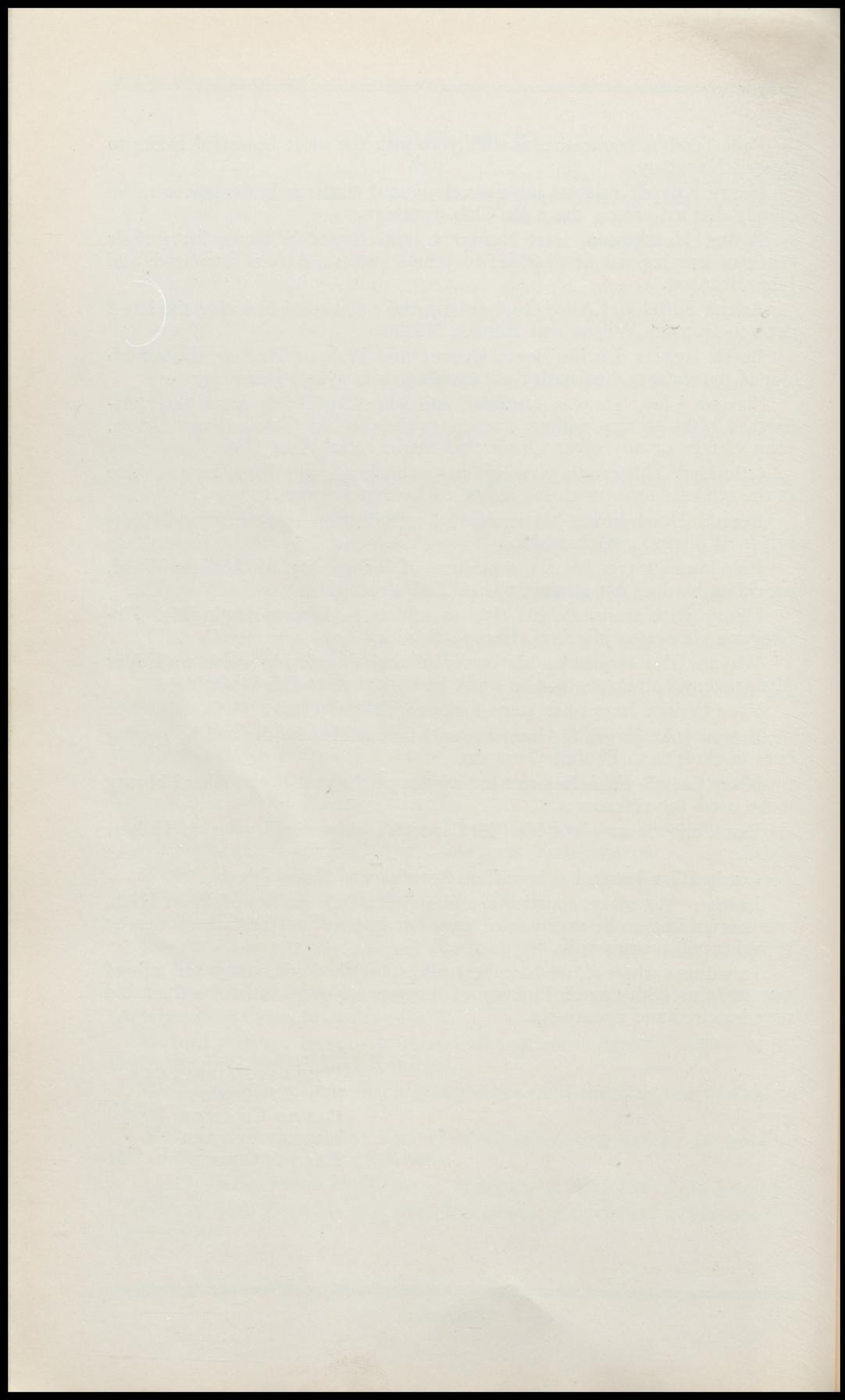
Cordy Bliss leaves her countless flirtations to Erma Dixon.

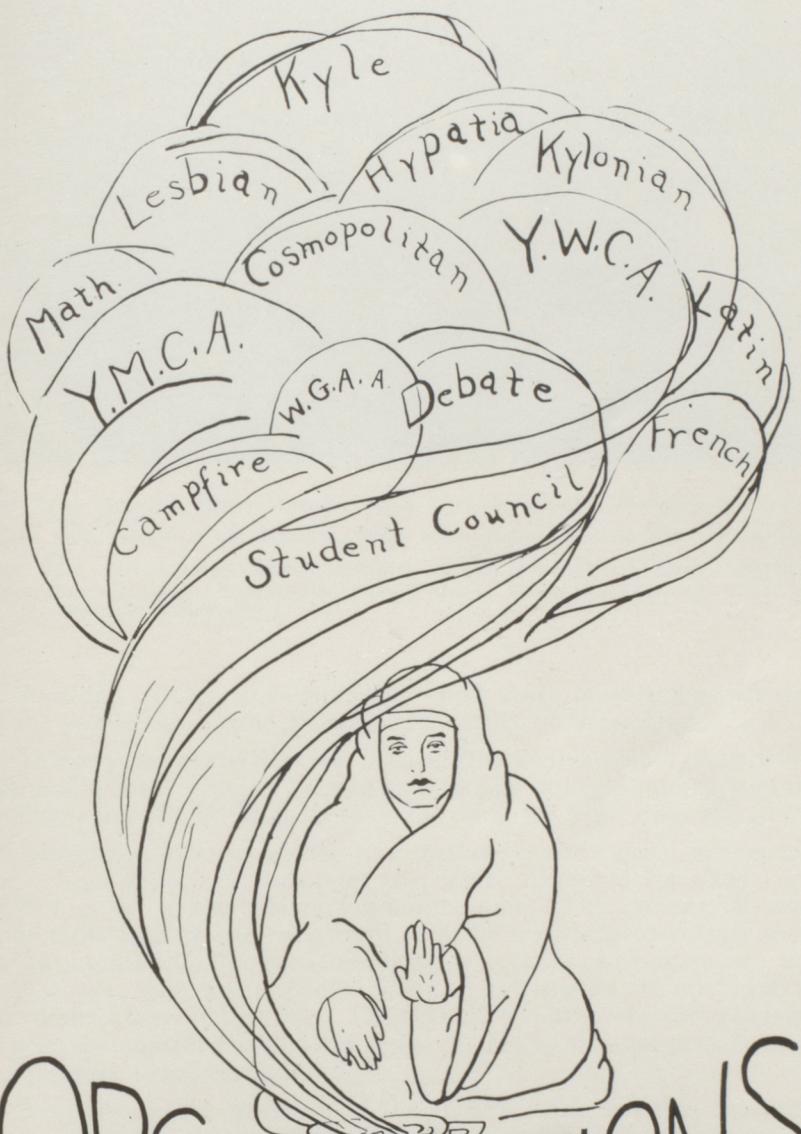
Lastly: We make, constitute, and appoint Jack Barnes of West High, our star athlete, to be executor of this, our last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by us made.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seal this 28th day of January of the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

Witness:

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS
"RED" GRANGE
CALVIN COOLIDGE
HUBERT STEEPEL
BARNEY GOOGLE





ORGANIZATIONS

Doris
Tillotson

BRITISH LIBRARY

FACULTY



First Row: Reynolds, Rourke, Metcalf, Ferree, Hutchinson, Taylor, Buchanan, Shaw, Chantry, McCall, Santee.

Second Row: Hagler, Craig, Huffman, Scott, Brick, Walker, Mitchell, Spoor, King, McGuire, Drake.

Third Row: Brooks, Abbey, Hunter, McFadden, Kasson, Minter, Myers, Abbott, Hill, Barton.

Fourth Row: McGregor, Morganthaler, Pickrell, Harris, Meier, Hovey, Goodell, Chase, Steeper, Sprague, Case, Culbertson.

Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic—and many other things are taught by the people above, who make up the faculty of West High.

In every one of the different departments there are kind, understanding men and women who are helping their pupils to begin leading useful and profitable lives by fitting them to do the thing for which they are striving.

Languages, history, science, and mathematics are given in preparation for college work. English aims to prepare the pupil for daily contacts as well as for a wise use of his leisure time. The commercial subjects equip those who are studying them with the knowledge necessary to enter the business world. For use in the home or perhaps as professions are domestic science, shop, and nursing. Music and dramatics are offered to those who desire a start in that line. The physical education instructors endeavor to keep the student healthy and active so that he may participate in work and pleasure to the best advantage.

Not only do the members of the faculty teach, but they are anxious to plan future work with the students, to advise, and to serve them whenever it is possible.

Then, too, there is the office force. They are always working for the benefit of the school, keeping records, giving information, and helping to keep the school routine running smoothly.

Resulting from the efforts of all of these people is a great deal of the comfort and enjoyment and pleasure of school life.



FALL SEMESTER

First Row: L. Sandy, E. Brinkman, F. Kemp, V. Jacobs, M. Kenworthy, C. Letton, I. Anton, E. Clark, R. Van Horn, C. Woordruff.
Second Row: M. Piekenbrock, R. Flick, I. Hodson, H. Page, H. Bass, V. Miller, D. Wilson, I. Carter, M. Gibson, B. Mahler, M. Walker.
Third Row: J. Ross, A. Suffel, D. Craig, E. Spencer, T. Searcy, E. Musgrave, J. Barnes, W. Richardson, G. Atwood.
Fourth Row: M. Burke, G. Grill, M. Heskett, H. Kuyper, M. Forster, R. Ellis, F. Flynn, Mrs. Brooks, advisor.



SPRING SEMESTER

First Row: L. Sandy, H. Reynolds, C. Woodruff, E. Brinkman, D. Wilson, B. Stokely, M. Piekenbrock, E. Clark, I. Anton, C. Letton, D. Craig.
Second Row: B. Mahler, F. Flynn, B. Flick, V. Miller, C. Walker, E. Spenrer, I. Hodson, J. Ross, H. Page, M. Hart.
Third Row: H. Bass, V. Johnson, E. Slye, T. Eldridge, R. Van Horn, E. Musgrave, V. Cage, M. Burke, B. Irwin, B. Lee.
Fourth Row: R. Ellis, J. Barnes, B. King, P. Ortale, F. Mohler.

STUDENT COUNCIL

One of the most successful organizations in West High is the Student Council, which was originated by Principal E. J. Eaton in the fall of 1919. It was initiated upon the belief that student participation and responsibility would greatly increase interest in school activities.

The membership is made up of students who have been elected from their home rooms, and it is their duty to fulfill the wishes of the group which they represent.

The work of the council covers the entire school program. It is carried on by standing committees which represent every department of the school. During its early history the members were divided into five main committees: athletics, entertainments, general finance, social welfare, and scholarship. As new problems were presented, more committees were formed, and during the last semester, the fifteenth committee, the play committee, was organized. The duty of this committee is to take charge of play management, including properties, publicity, and ticket sales.

The Student Council activities have been planned and conducted in the interest of the school at large. This body organized and carried through two character conferences and supervised the May Fete.

The council has done its work of the year with success. Dad Waite cites it as "the finest example of student government in America."

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President	Milton Forster
Vice President.....	Chad Letton
Secretary	Frances Kemp
Treasurer	Thelma Eldridge

Spring Semester

President	Edgar Musgrave
Vice President.....	Chad Letton
Secretary	Thelma Eldridge
Treasurer	Eleanor Clark

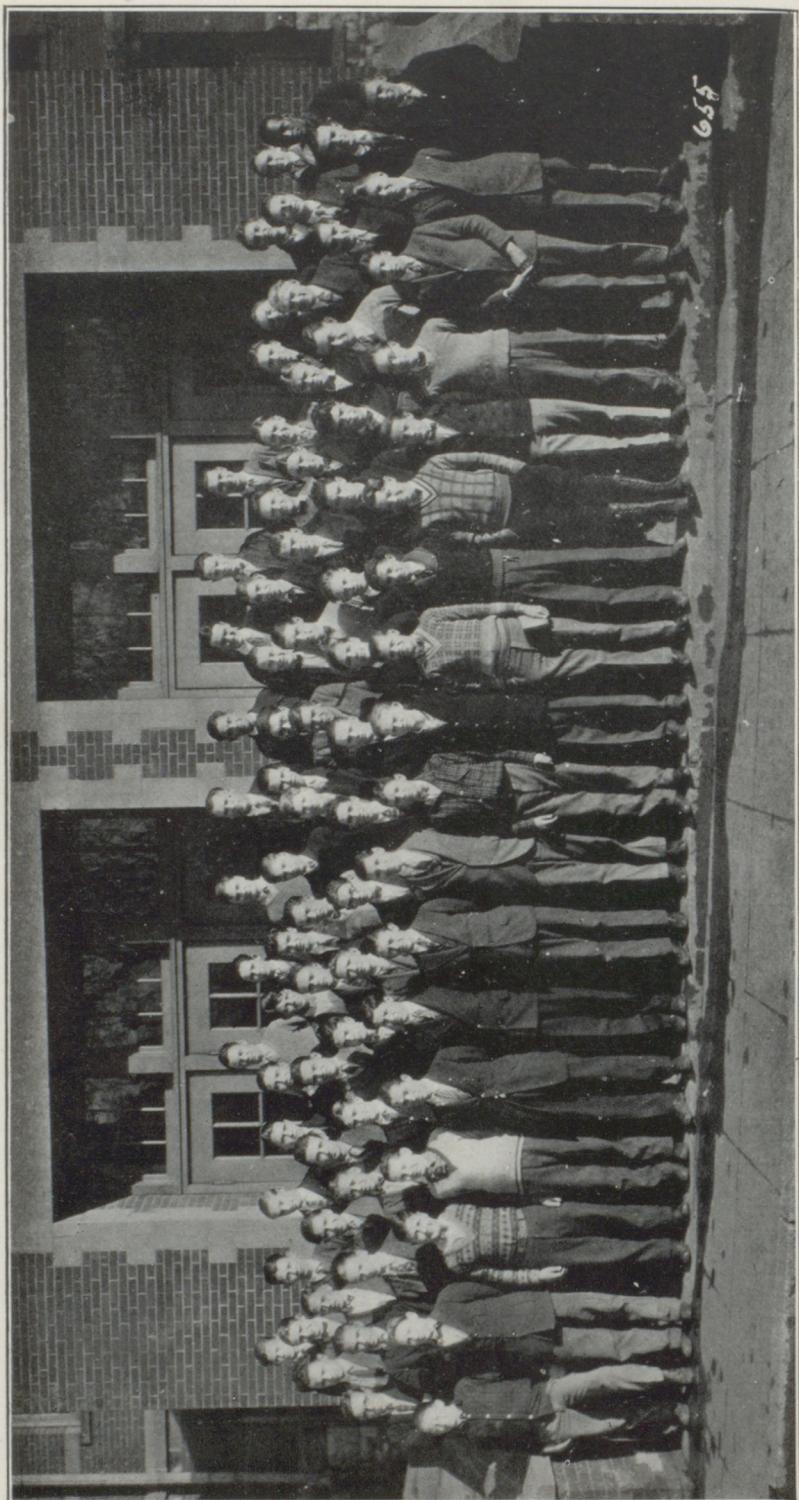
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Fall Semester

Athletics	Jack Barnes
Usher	Ivan Anton
Cafeteria	Irene Carter
Library	Dorothy Craig
Halls	George Grill
Scholarship	Harry Kuyper
Play	Robert Flick
Club Room.....	Caroline Woodruff
Service	Helen Page
Grounds	Edgar Musgrave
Hospitality	Arlene Suffel
Judiciary	Milton Forster
Junior Council.....	Chad Letton
Social	Eleanor Clark
Majors and Minors.....	Frances Kemp

Spring Semester

Athletics	Jack Barnes
Usher	Ivan Anton
Cafeteria	Helen Bass
Library	Dorothy Craig
Halls	Robert Lee
Scholarship	Irma Hodson
Play	Robert Flick
Club Room.....	Caroline Woodruff
Service	Helen Page
Grounds	Rolland Van Horn
Hospitality	Villa Mae Johnson
Judiciary	Edgar Musgrave
Junior Council.....	Chad Letton
Social	Eleanor Clark
Majors and Minors.....	Ethel Spencer



First Row: A. Linquist, H. King, J. Ortale, J. Colburn, J. Parisi, R. Schoonover, K. Kraemer, B. Jacobson, G. Jasper, I. Murphy, W. Shullenburger, E. Michel, M. Fry, L. Huff, V. Kuehler, H. Jewett, F. Graef, R. Hirsch. Second Row: L. Dudley, O. Myers, R. Throckmorton, S. Hagen, E. Slye, P. Beall, E. Drake, A. Jensen, R. Flick, R. Van Horn, A. Ortale, J. Moffet, J. Barnes, V. Pearlman, W. R. charlson, L. Ashby, H. Huigan. Third Row: W. Miller, K. Lakes, B. Irwin, M. Mulcahy, R. Lee, D. McCay, H. Carlson, S. Malum, D. John, W. Fairfield, M. Wright, F. Mohler, I. Anton, M. Forster, P. Toombs, J. Smith. Fourth Row: E. Musgrave, K. Bigelow, A. Perine, G. Myers, R. Olmsted, T. Searcy, R. Sorenson, H. Babel, D. Grant, G. Grill, M. Grund, R. McClary, D. Bennett, T. Eggers, A. Dixon. Fifth Row: J. Patterson, J. Larsh, T. Ortale, Mr. F. J. Meier, advisor; H. Allison, J. Provoise, F. McDonald, G. Atwood.

Y. M. C. A.

The Hi-Y. M. Club of West High is a branch of the nation-wide organization of the Y. M. C. A. This year it has been the largest in its history, having over one hundred paid-up members.

The object of the club is a constant striving as individuals and as an organization to create, maintain, and extend true standards of Christian character throughout the school and community.

Among the many interesting speakers that have talked to the club are: Paul Somers, Y. M. C. A. secretary; Dad Elliot of nation-wide fame as a speaker to high school boys and girls; Bill Hammond, finger print expert; Dr. Brooks, Dr. Geistwest, and Dr. Medbury, pastors of Des Moines churches; and Mrs. Brooks, Girls' Advisor at West High.

A booklet was published during the last semester in which the work of the club was presented in concrete form.

OFFICERS

President	Ivan Anton
Vice President and Chairman of Program Committee...	{ Harry Kyper (Fall Semester) Bob McClary (Spring Semester)
Secretary	Bob Flick
Treasurer.....	Paul Tombs (Fall Semester) Douglas Grant (Spring Semester)
Chairman of Service Committee.....	Homer Jewett
Chairman of Membership Committee.....	Ben Jacobson
Chairman of Devotional Committee.....	Rolland Van Horn
Club Advisors—Mr. Meier, Mr Crawford	

CAMP FIRE CLUB

Camp Fire Club was organized in November, 1924. Its membership consists of Camp Fire girls and others interested in Camp Fire in both Junior and Senior High. Miss Huffman and Mrs. Nelson act as club advisors.

The purpose of the club is to bring together all the Camp Fire girls in West High, to study the laws of Camp Fire, and to give service to the school. The club name, "Oteyokwa," meaning "to bring together for service," was chosen to carry out the purpose of the club. Meetings are held twice a month, and clever programs on matters of interest to Camp Fire girls are presented after business and announcements. One service rendered by the Camp Fire girls was the caring for small children during the P. T. A. meetings.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President	Caroline Woodruff
Vice President.....	Dorothy Sharpe
Secretary	Marjorie Masters
Treasurer	Florence Flynn

Spring Semester

President	Caroline Woodruff
Vice President.....	Dorothy Sharpe
Secretary	Villa Mae Johnson
Treasurer	Alice Pye

Club Advisor—Miss Huffman

Y. W. C. A.



First Row: D. Jacobs, Scanlon, Parker, Woods, Lyons, Sandy, Farley, Ganschow, Masters, Osborne, Kraemer, L. Ahrens, Kemp, Woodruff, Dunlap, V. Jacobs, Reeves, Bliss, Durfy, Annear.
Second Row: Berry, Nelson, Hartman, Thompson, Dyer, Kekeis, Barber, Pherrin, Pierce, Mahaffa, Renner, Fields, E. Carmer, Simpson, Hubbard, Cale, Kissyeh, H. Woods, Piekenbrock, Byrkitt, Peterson.
Third Row: Mahler, McKeever, Thomas, Walker, Smith, Craig, Moorehouse, Johnson, Carr, Bass, Carter, V. Miller, Blake, Wixon, Whittemore, L. Thompson, Griffiths, Williams, Webber, Miss Hutchinson, advisor.
Fourth Row: Ellis, Eldridge, Schoonover, Kinzie, E. Spencer, Page, B. Spencer, Staggs, Slattery, Burr, Flynn, Hart, Flick, E. Ahrens, Glass, Clark, Webster, Sass.

The Hi-Y. W., with the aid of their faculty advisor, Miss Hutchinson, and the Y. Secretary, Miss Palmer, have just completed a very profitable year.

The meetings are held every Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock in the club room. The business session is followed by a program and a general good time. All senior high girls are welcome.

The programs are educational, musical, social, and spiritual. In one meeting Miss Metcalf put on a clever health stunt for good posture. Thrift, hobbies, and democracy have been discussed. Some meetings were devoted to social times in which games were played. One of the most interesting of these was a Valentine party. Y. songs always play a very important part in the meetings.

The work of the service committee consisted, in part, of a Christmas party for the "Friendless Children" and the making of cloth scrapbooks for children in the hospital.

Several social events created a good deal of interest. They were a Hallowe'en party, box supper, Mother and Daughter banquet, and two joint Hi-Y. banquets.

OFFICERS

President	Thelma Eldridge
Vice Presidents.....	{ Leo Smith (Fall Semester) Margaret Flick (Spring Semester)
Secretary	Bothilda Mahler
Treasurer	Gretchen Moorehouse
Social Chairman.....	Margaret Walker
Service Chairman.....	Mary Pierce
Program Chairman.....	Maxine Piekenbrock
Student Council Representative.....	Eleanor Clark

Club Advisors—Miss Hutchinson, Miss Palmer

KYLE CLUB



First Row: L. Sandy, C. Woodruff, F. Kemp, H. Bass, M. Pielenbrock, F. Ahrens, M. Flick, M. Wickham, S. Winachor.
Second Row: I. Hodson, E. Musgrave, V. Johnson, Miss Huffman, advisor; M. Walker, E. Spencer, F. Flynn, D. McCay, H. Kuyper.

The Kyle Club of West High was organized in 1918 for the purpose of giving recognition to those students who had distinguished themselves in character, scholarship, leadership, and service during their first three years of high school life. The society adopted the name of "Kyle" in honor of Miss Cordelia Kyle, a former teacher of West High, who was known and loved among the students and faculty for her personality and her fine encouragement of better scholarship and character.

The club remained a local organization until April, 1923, when it applied for a charter and became a chapter of the Torch, the National Honorary Society of Secondary Schools.

During the first semester of this year, the club was composed of ten members, and lost two of these at graduation. During the second semester, seven new members were elected, making the total number fifteen—eleven from the Senior A class and four from the Senior B.

The chief event in the semester's program is the banquet, which is held each semester, and to which all alumni are invited.

Kyle Club had an important part in the May Fete—the portrayal of Youth today, showing the four-fold development—physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President	Harry Kuyper
Vice President.....	Edgar Musgrave
Secretary (Recording).....	Helen Bass
Secretary (Corr.).....	Margaret Flick
Treasurer	Ethel Spencer

Spring Semester

President	Helen Bass
Vice President.....	Dale McCay
Secretary (Rec.).....	Margaret Walker
Secretary (Corr.).....	Sara Winachor
Treasurer	Margaret Flick

HYPATIA LITERARY SOCIETY



First Row: D. Wood, E. Ray, D. Ganschow, M. Masters, L. Youtz, M. Kraemer, C. Woodruff.
Second Row: F. Kemp, R. Kekeis, A. Sufel, M. Hartman, H. Bass, M. Flick, I. Carter.
Third Row: R. Carr, V. Johnson, F. Flynn, M. Williams, E. Mickey.

Hypatia Literary Society was organized in 1920 by Miss Hunt, Girls' Advisor. The club was called the College Club, and its members consisted of girls who intended to go to Eastern schools. Its aim was to acquaint the girls with the various types of colleges. After Miss Hunt left West High, Miss Bess Ballantyne was the advisor and the name was changed to Hypatia. Following Miss Ballantyne, Miss Fegly advised the club.

The aim of the club was not definitely stated until 1922 when Miss Jennie McCall, the present advisor, began to work with the girls. The aim is to interest the girls in the best types of literature, both of modern times and earlier; to study nature; and to recognize good music.

The meetings are varied interestingly. Some meetings are devoted entirely to nature, while others are given over to reviews of the customs of people in other lands, or reviews of short stories. Every fourth meeting is a social meeting.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President	Frances Kemp
Vice President.....	Margaret Williams
Secretary	Caroline Woodruff
Treasurer	Margaret Flick
Page	Margaret Wickham
Program Chairman.....	Florence Flynn
Social Chairman.....	Dorothy Craig
Membership Chairman.....	Helen Bass
Club Advisor—	Miss McCall

Spring Semester

President	Helen Bass
Vice President.....	Caroline Woodruff
Secretary	Margaret Flick
Treasurer	Marjorie Masters
Page	Mary Louise Kraemer
Program Chairman.....	Villa Mae Johnson
Social Chairman.....	Roberta Kekeis
Membership Chmn....	Margaret Wickham

KYLOIAN LITERARY SOCIETY



First Row: B. Polen, G. Ralston, D. Riefsnyder, A. Heaps, M. Crawford, G. Page, D. Miller, F. Barber, M. Nicholson, M. Kizer.
Second Row: G. Trueblood, O. Lingle, V. Iddings, M. Piekenbrock, B. Pierce, F. Thompson, P. Gammon, R. Dyer, D. Cale.
Third Row: F. Garsh, I. Hodson, M. Walker, J. Ross, S. Winachor, G. Smith, E. Dixon, G. Moorehouse.
Fourth Row: B. Holmes, H. Page, F. Wixon, T. Carlon, Miss Craig, advisor; V. Miller, E. Spencer, R. Ellis, S. Herbrecht.

Kylonian Literary Society, which was organized in 1917, now has a membership of forty. It meets twice a month and has for its aim the study of the literature of foreign countries in both an interesting and informative way.

Last semester the customs and literature of foreign countries were studied in detail. The first meeting of each month was devoted to the customs, and the second meeting to the literature of a particular country. This semester the lives and works of the later American authors have been studied.

For social activities during the year, Kylonian has sponsored a get-acquainted banquet for our new members, a matinee tea dance, and a formal spring banquet.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President	Ethel Spencer
Vice President	Virginia Miller
Secretary	Erma Dixon
Treasurer	Pauline Gammon
Program Chairman	Sara Winachor
Social Chairman	Ruth Ellis
Membership Chairman	Virginia Miller

Club Advisor—Miss Craig

Spring Semester

President	Ethel Spencer
Vice President	Virginia Miller
Secretary	Sara Winachor
Treasurer	Irma Hodson
Program Chairman	Janet Ross
Social Chairman	Ruth Ellis
Membership Chairman	Virginia Miller

LESBIAN LITERARY SOCIETY



First Row: P. West, M. Anderson, V. Osborne, V. Beeman, M. L. Bonnell, L. Landis, K. Randall, E. Brinkman, B. Peterson, H. Byrkit.
Second Row: H. Pherrin, D. Wilson, D. Annear, M. Mahaffa, E. Clark, B. Stokely, M. Pierce, H. Huff, H. Lawrence, B. Mahler.
Third Row: D. Nelson, M. Haines, M. Gibson, D. Barndollar, G. Arney, E. Carmer, M. Olmsted, A. Amick.
Fourth Row: E. Hoyt, D. Barnes, T. Eldridge, Miss Kasson, advisor; J. Kinzle, K. Torey, K. Shankland.

The Lesbian Literary Society is one of the oldest clubs in West High. The purpose of the organization is to further the study of the literature of different countries through a consideration of plays, short stories, poems, and the authors of these various forms.

During the first semester Irish plays and playwrights were studied. The social activities began with an informal social meeting, and included a tea for the mothers and a Christmas dance, given December 19, 1925.

In the semester beginning January, 1926, the club studied the Little Theatre movement in the United States. Plays produced by various Little Theatre groups have been reviewed and the playwrights studied. The Drama Shops in the various colleges have also afforded fields of study for the members. The social program for the semester included various social meetings, a club spread, and a spring dance on May 14, 1926.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President	Mary Gibson
Vice President.....	Thelma Eldridge
Secretary	Bothilda Mahler
Treasurer	Dorothy Wilson
Program Chairman.....	Helen Pherrin
Social Chairman	Mary Pierce

Spring Semester

President	Mary Gibson
Vice President.....	Mary Louise Bonnell
Secretary	Mary Pierce
Treasurer	Kathryn Randall
Program Chairman.....	Thelma Eldridge
Social Chairman.....	Dorothy Wilson

Club Advisor—Miss Mary B. Kasson

FRENCH CLUB



First Row: D. Jacobs, K. Scanlon, D. Wood, L. Stelle, M. Dunlap, E. Benson, L. Youtz, H. Bass, L. Boyce Reeves.
Second Row: R. Kekeis, M. Kraemer, Miss Spoor, advisor; E. Brinkman, D. Wilson, R. Dyer, V. Miller, E. McCartney, H. Berry, V. Jacobs.
Third Row: G. Grill, J. Moffet, A. Ortale, Y. Pearlman, G. Shucks, M. Heskett, R. Flick, W. Shullenburger.

The present French Club is a comparatively new organization in West High School, this being its second year. Meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the club room.

The purpose of the club is to foster among students of French a general interest in French history, authors, artists, composers, and their works. The very fitting motto is *Entre Nous*. During the past year the members have been very fortunate in hearing actual French observations related by members of the faculty who have visited France, including Mr. Hunter, Mrs. Brooks, and Miss Hovey.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President	George Grill
Vice President.....	Roberta Kekeis
Secretary	Dorothy Wilson
Treasurer	Helen Bass
Program Chairman.....	Violet Jacobs
Social Chairman.....	Virginia Miller

Spring Semester

President	Albert Ortale
Vice President.....	Wilbur Ashford
Secretary	Dorothy Wilson
Treasurer	Ruth Dyer
Program Chairman.....	Elizabeth Brinkman
Social Chairman.....	Mary Beach

Club Advisor—Miss Spoor

LATIN CLUB



First Row: H. King, M. Sherriff, F. Garsh, P. West, K. Randall, M. Haines, E. Ahrens.
Second Row: W. Shullenburger, E. Clark, F. Kemp, S. Hagen, E. Slye, T. Carlon, M. Flick.
Third Row: B. Mahler, S. Smith, J. Williams, L. Dudley, A. Dixon, K. Lake, B. Flick,
H. Kramer.

The present Latin Club was founded early in the year of 1925. In the beginning there were eight charter members: Frances Kemp, Gilford Atwood, and Leonard Dudley of the January, 1926, class, and Eleanor Clark, Esther Ahrens, Margaret Flick, Harry Kramer, and Edgar Musgrave of the June, 1926, class.

The membership was enlarged until there are about twenty-five members. All students who are making an average of "two" in Latin and above "three" in all other subjects are eligible for membership.

The purpose of the organization is to foster the growth of interest in Roman life and letters. Soon after the founding of the society a constitution was formed and officers were elected.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

Consuls.....	{ Eleanor Clark Margaret Flick
Praetor	Bothilda Mahler
Quaestor	Keith Miner
Censor	Leonard Dudley

Spring Semester

Consuls.....	{ Millicent Haines Margaret Flick
Praetor	Kathryn Randall
Quaestor	Verle Wooten
Censor	Edward Slye

Club Advisor—Miss King

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

Soon after the Character Conference, which was held at Boone in September, 1925, the Cosmopolitan Club was organized. Its purpose is to create harmony and understanding between the various racial groups in West High. Membership is open to any student who cares to come to study the problems existing in race relationships.

Many prominent speakers have addressed the meetings, which are held before school the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Soon after the club was organized, sessions were held at which certain racial and religious groups were studied. At one meeting, Sara Winachor and Henry Rise spoke on the aims and ideals of the Jewish race, and at the meeting for consideration of Negro problems, Jack Smith and Martha Burnaugh spoke. Another meeting was devoted to a study of the Italian group, and short talks were given by James Parisi and Albert and Thomas Ortale.

One of the outside speakers who favored the club with his presence was Sundra Mitre, a Hindu who has been educated in American schools. His topic was, "What America Has Taught Me." The talk consisted of a defense of his home religion and traditions in which he ably compared American customs with those of his countrymen. Dr. Medbury of the University Church of Christ spoke on "Democracy." Mrs. S. Joe Brown and Rabbi Mannheimer also presented the problems of their races.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President Jack Smith
Vice President Bothilda Mahler
Secretary Mary Pierce
Treasurer Ivan Anton

Club Advisor—Mr. Steeper

Spring Semester

President Thomas Ortale
Vice President Mary Pierce
Secretary Robert Flick
Treasurer Ivan Anton

PYTHAGOREAN CLUB

Pythagorean, or Math. Club, is a very interesting club, which was organized in 1921 with Miss Macy as advisor. At the present and since 1923, Miss Drake has served the club well as sponsor.

The club was named for Pythagoras, a Greek mathematician, who was born in Samos about 569 B. C., perhaps of Tyrian parents, and died in 500 B. C.

The organization consists of boys and girls who are taking or have had Math. 4. These people, with the advisor, meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at three-thirty in the club room.

Trick problems, music, math. word contests, and other interesting features are a part of the programs. The chief purpose of the club is to make the students of mathematics more interested in the subject. At the present time the members of the club are reading books and magazines on the subject of changing the calendar. At some future meeting a plan for a new calendar will be worked out.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President George Grill
Vice President Herman Carlson
Secretary Pauline Gammon
Treasurer Kenneth Bigelow

Club Advisor—Miss Drake

Spring Semester

President Dale McCay
Vice President Floyd McDonald
Corresponding Secretary Oneita Lingle
Publicity Secretary Doris Miller
Treasurer Verle Wooten

DEBATE CLUB



First Row: L. Sandy, H. Wood, E. Clark, W. Shullenburger, B. Mahler, E. Musgrave, R. Flick, V. Miller.

Second Row: Mr. Sprague, advisor; I. Carter, C. Letton, R. VanHorn, I. Anton, K. Bigelow, M. Burke, D. John.

Third Row: B. McClary, D. McCay, W. Ashford, R. Lee, E. Sommers, R. Sorenson, D. Grant, M. Heskett, M. Wright.

The Debating Club, organized at West High in recent years, has continued to take its place among the foremost clubs in the school. Membership in this club is usually considered the first step in preparation for the debate, extemporaneous, declamatory, and oratorical teams.

The meetings which have been held this year have proved not only beneficial, but also enjoyable. Every member has been given a chance to debate upon some question. Some of the most serious questions which have been under debate were: the Aviation Quarrel, the World Court, and the League of Nations. Extemporaneous speeches have been given upon numerous topics of civic and national interest. The officers of the society have proved competent in performing their duties, and the supervisor has planned a very profitable and interesting course of study.

OFFICERS

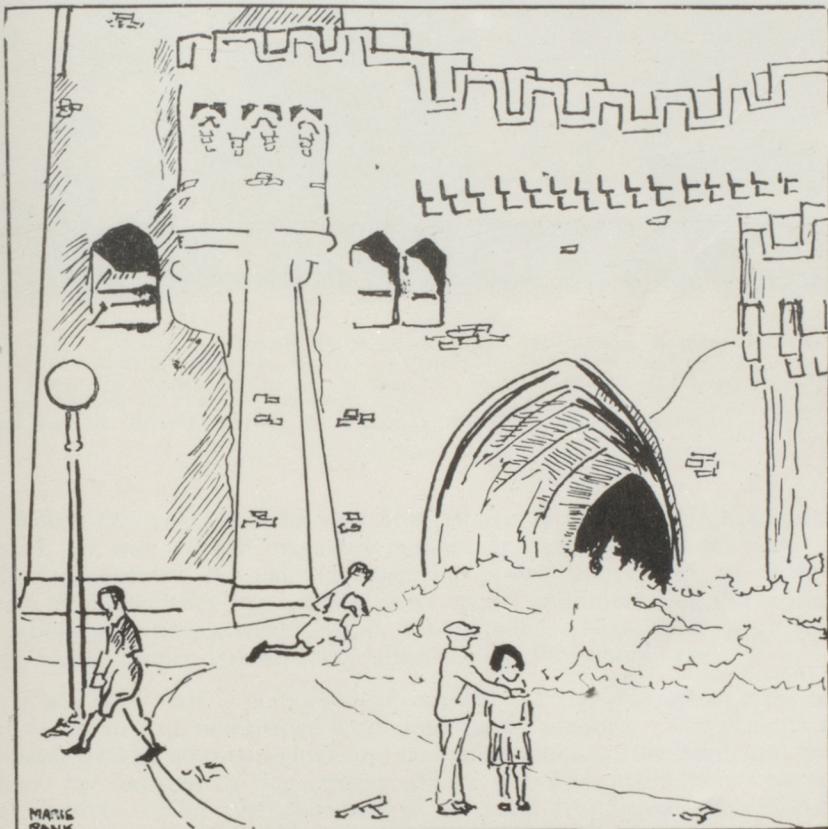
Fall Semester

President Rolland Van Horn
Vice President Bothilda Mahler
Secretary Lillian Sandy
Sergeant-at-Arms Earl Sommers

Spring Semester

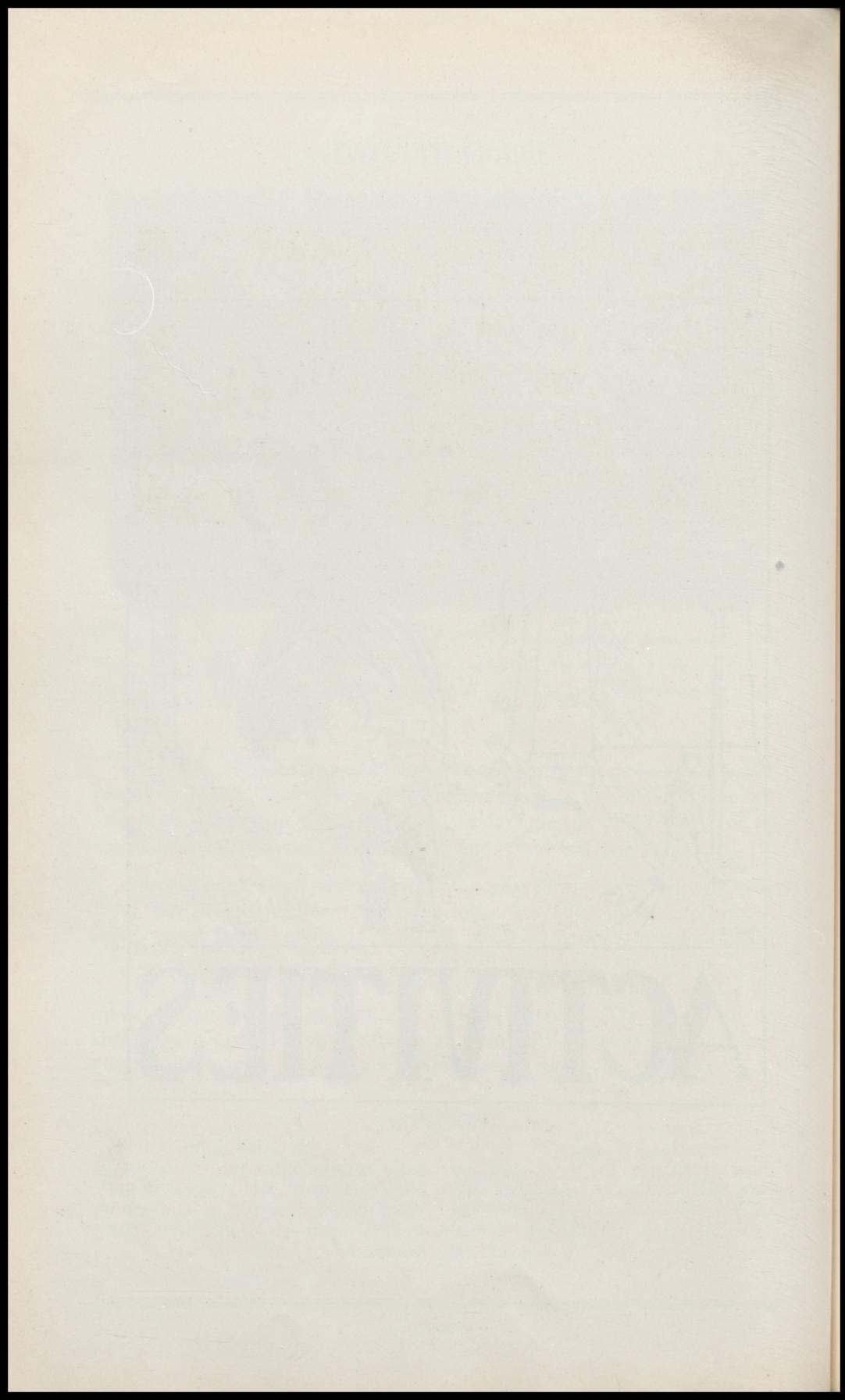
President Bothilda Mahler
Vice President Ivan Anton
Secretary Bob McClary
Sergeant-at-Arms Max Burke

Club Advisor—Mr. Sprague



MARIE
FRANK

ACTIVITIES



TATLER STAFF



First Row: L. Fowler, M. Masters, D. Miller, F. Barber, M. Hartman, R. Ellis, M. Huffman, advisor; F. Flynn, I. Carson, M. Flick, E. Berens, M. Piekenbrock, B. Silke.
Second Row: V. Miller, H. Pherrin, R. King, W. Ward, D. McCay, M. Burke, H. Allison, W. Ashford, H. Page, P. Gammon.
Third Row: R. Flick, J. Brayman, M. Stager, W. Miller, M. Grund, I. Anton.

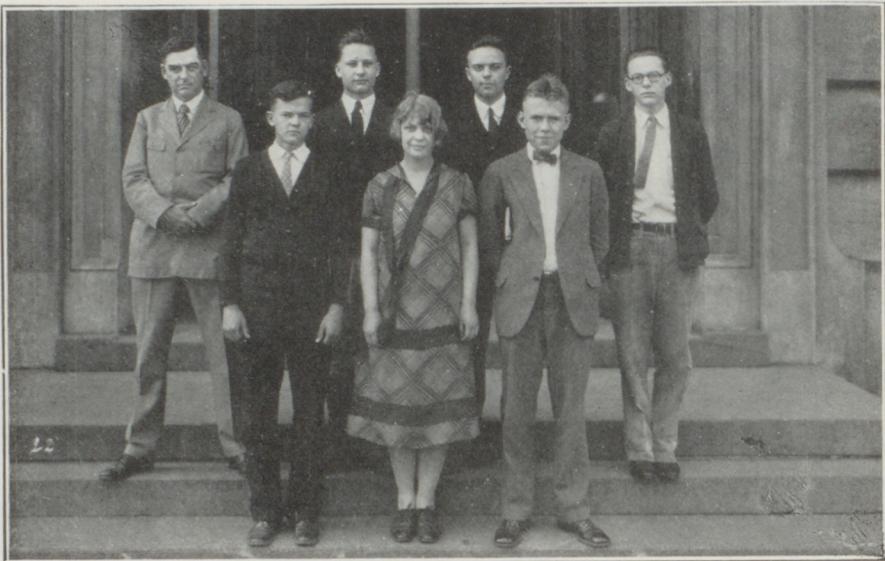
Thirty-two years ago the very first publication in West High was originated. It was a small magazine put out at irregular intervals. As the school progressed, the original magazine grew; and, finally, in order to attain more efficiency in reporting news events and interesting the students in school activities, a weekly paper was adopted. Now West has a four-page weekly paper issued thirty times during the school year.

The *Tatler* staff is composed of members of the journalism class who put the theory of newspaper work into actual practice. The class is organized with an editor-in-chief and managing editor at the head, and these editors are assisted by department editors who look after their own special divisions. The other members of the class are the reporters who are always on the lookout for news stories. The service committee assists the *Tatler* staff by collecting jokes, personals, or news from their home room groups.

The business staff makes the *Tatler* possible by selling the advertisements which pay a great share of the expense. Not nearly the whole cost is cared for by subscriptions and the business end has a heavy job in keeping the paper out of debt.

Other departments in school also have a part in the work. The English classes furnish material of all kinds, literary, editorials, and letters. A few individuals about school hand in the results of a sudden inspiration. The art classes furnish cartoons and art work which add to the attractiveness of the publication. The *Tatler* is issued by the students and for the students—it belongs to every individual in West High.

DEBATE



First Row: E. Musgrave, B. Mahler, I. Anton.

Second Row: Mr. Sprague, coach; W. Ashford, D. McCay, R. Van Horn.

The outcome to this year's city debating series was peculiarly unsatisfactory to all participants. Each school won three and lost three debates. The negatives of East and North won two and lost one. In Roosevelt and West the affirmatives won two and the negatives one.

The question was: Resolved, That the Federal government should own and operate the coal mines of the United States.

West's affirmative team was composed of Bothilda Mahler, Rolland Van Horn, and Dale McCay. The personnel of the negative included Edgar Musgrave, Ivan Anton, and Wilbur Ashford. All except Ivan Anton and Dale McCay had debated with last year's team. The excellent coaching of DeWitt C. Sprague was no small factor in obtaining our victories.

The first debates were held at neutral schools with the teachers serving as judges. In the second and third rounds the principals of the home schools selected the judges.

Our team for the Drake tournament, which was composed of Edgar Musgrave, Rolland Van Horn, and Bothilda Mahler, was eliminated in the semi-finals.

Only two of these people will be back for next year's season, Bothilda Mahler and Wilbur Ashford.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

In addition to the city debating tournament, four other public speaking events have been held during the past school year. Courses in public speaking, which are now offered in all Des Moines high schools, have done much good in producing speakers and in stimulating interest in these contests. DeWitt C. Sprague has coached all our participants in these events and has also had charge of the public speaking class.

The first of the speech series was the girls' declamatory contest which was held in the Roosevelt auditorium last December. Both individual and school honors were awarded to Roosevelt. Fannie Garsh, West High's only contestant, secured fourth place for her reading of "A Skunk at the Ladies' Aid."

For the sixth consecutive time, a student from West High has received first place in the annual extemporaneous contest. However, as North won both second and third places, they placed first in the final averages, with West a close second and Roosevelt and East tied for third. Bothilda Mahler was awarded first individual honors for her speech on the Damascus Massacre, and Rolland Van Horn took sixth for his exposition of the Peace Pact of Locarno.

The topics were selected by the civic clubs of the community. They were written on slips of paper and the participants were each allowed to draw three. They selected the one they wished to speak on and were given forty-five minutes in which to prepare. At the close of this time they went to the platform and talked five minutes without notes. No material from which to study was allowed them while preparing their speeches.

In place of holding the annual boys' declamatory contest, a city oratorical meet was sponsored by the local high schools. Subjects for the contest, in which only Des Moines students were allowed to enter, were selected by the entrants from a list prepared by the public speaking coaches of the city.

Two participants were allowed from each school, but as Bothilda Mahler became ill the day of the contest Vernon Cage alone represented West. Bruce Thomas of Roosevelt won individual honors but North High secured school honors by virtue of winning both second and third places. The contest was held Friday, April 23, at Roosevelt High, and although our speaker gave an excellent oration he was unable to place.

Another oratorical contest, the district preliminary of the second annual oratorical contest, was held at North High, Wednesday, April 21. The orations for both contests were prepared by the entrants, and those for the national contest were limited to subjects dealing with the constitution. Bothilda Mahler, who was our representative, received fourth place for her oration on the "Constitution." John Hopkins of North was awarded first on the same subject.

DRAMATICS

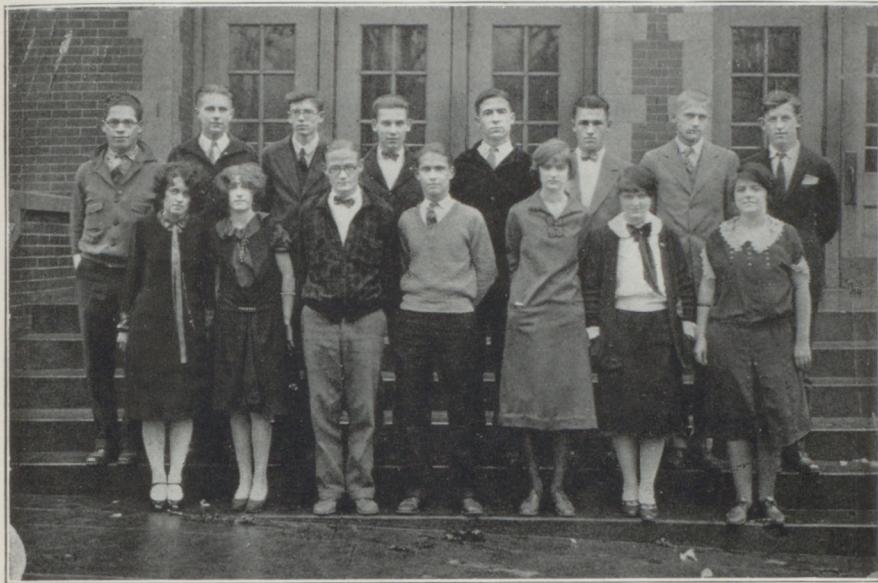
Last September West High instituted a new plan concerning dramatic productions. In preceding years the dramatic clubs have presented several minor plays and the Senior A's one major play each semester. It was thought by the faculty and students that a change should be made since the opportunity of appearing in a play was limited to the few people belonging to the Dramatic Club. The new plan which was introduced provided for the discontinuance of the Dramatic Club and the presentation of four major plays each year, two each semester. The first, for which any student in Senior High could try out, would be an all-school play; the second would be the customary senior play, which the graduating class would present.

Although this plan has been in operation only two semesters, it has proved successful. Last semester the all-school play was *The Three Wise Fools* and the senior play was *The Seven Keys to Baldpate*. This semester the all-school play was *The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary* and the senior play, *East Is West*.

In spite of the fact that dramatics is not a credited subject in West High, it is one of great importance. There are many interesting problems involved in presenting a play. First, a committee must choose a play which is suitable for a high school performance, not too difficult for amateurs, yet interesting. Next come the tryouts for parts in the cast. After the cast has been selected the intense work begins. Every member must learn his lines; he must learn to enunciate clearly enough so that every person in a large auditorium will be able to hear with ease; he must develop the character of the person he is portraying. For about six weeks this work goes on, day after day. Then comes the night of the play, the suspense, the excitement, the fear that it will not be successful; finally all is over but the glory of putting on a successful production.

Besides the cast there is the production staff whose work makes the play a success. The staff consists of a stage manager, properties committee, lighting director, music committee, business manager, and director. It is the duty of the stage manager to see that the stage is in readiness whenever needed. The property committee has charge of the furniture and costumes used. The person in charge of lighting must watch for the right effects; he must make a sunrise look like a sunrise and not like a fire. His duty is of the utmost importance because the lighting makes or breaks many a play. The music committee looks after the music that is played between acts. The publicity committee must see that the play is well advertised, for its success depends on the amount of publicity it receives. The business manager has the responsibility of the finances of the play. The director has charge of the cast. She must work out the problems of expression, action and reaction, until the play is a vivid story and the characters tell it by living it before the audience. It takes the co-operation of all these people to produce the successful play.

SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPATE



First Row: L. Stell, L. Lynn, D. Grant, G. Peterson, M. Nichols, V. Jacobs, I. Durfy.
Second Row: H. Rise, P. Tombs, M. Heskett, G. Grill, T. Searcy, G. Atwood, M. Forster,
W. Thomas.

Seven Keys to Baldpate, by George Cohan, was presented by the January graduating class, December 18, 1926.

The well-chosen cast gave a very fine interpretation of the play. Othmer Wohlgemuth as Peter the Hermit, who hated women because his wife had run off with a traveling man, was exceptionally good, thrilling his audience with his ghostly ways and horrible laugh. George Grill as William Hallowell Magee, the young novelist who comes to Baldpate Inn for the express purpose of writing a story in one night, goes through many harrowing experiences and finds that there are seven keys in existence; six besides his own which he thought was the only one. Lucille Lynn as Myra Thornhill, clever little blackmailer, did an excellent piece of acting.

This was the last play that Mrs. Mattison directed in West High, and every one who witnessed it considered it one of her best.

CAST

Elijah Quimby, caretaker of Baldpate.	MERLE HESKETT
Mrs. Quimby, his wife.	MARTHA NICHOLS
William Hallowell Magee, the novelist.	GEORGE GRILL
Mary Norton, the reporter.	VIOLET JACOBS
Mrs Rhodes, the chaperon.	IDA MAY DURFY
John Bland	HENRY RISE
Louis Max, John's man Friday.	WARREN THOMAS
Jim Cargon	GILFORD ATWOOD
Thomas Hayden	THOMAS SEARCY
Jiggs Kennedy	DICK GRANT
Peter the Hermit.	OTHMER WOHLGEMUTH
Myra Thornhill, the blackmailer.	LUCILLE LYNN
Hal Bently, owner of Baldpate Inn.	MILTON FORSTER
Policemen.	{ GEORGE PETERSON PAUL TOOMBS

EAST IS WEST



East Is West, a comedy-drama with a prologue and three acts by Samuel Shipman, was the play chosen by the June graduating class. It was presented May 28, under the direction of Miss Ferne Ferree.

Myrna Anderson presented the part of Ming Toy in the prologue in charming fashion. Mary Louise Bonnell as Ming Toy, the Chinese heroine, in the play proper, did some splendid acting, especially in the very dramatic parts. Albert Ortale, as Lo Sang Kee, was a very staid and

solemn merchant. The villainous Charlie Yong was vividly portrayed by Richard Sorenson. Bob Olmsted made a very handsome Billie Benson.

CAST

Ming Toy.....	MARY LOUISE BONNELL MYRNA ANDERSON
Billie Benson.....	
Lo Sang Kee.....	BOB OLMS TED
Charlie Yong.....	ALBERT ORTALE
Mildred Benson.....	RICHARD SORENSEN
James Potter.....	RUTH ELLIS
Miss Fountain.....	DEANE BAY
Gordon Rogers.....	PAULINE GAMMON
Mr. Davis.....	IVAN ANTON
Mrs. Davis.....	ROBERT LEE
Proprietor	MADOLIN HARTMAN
Andrew Benson.....	THOMAS ORTALE
Mrs. Benson.....	DOUGLAS GRANT
Chang Lee.....	ROBERTA KEKEIS
Hop Toy.....	ROLLAND VAN HORN
Customer	MAURICE GRUND
Attendant	ROLLAND VAN HORN
Servant	WALLACE MILLER
Thomas	WALLACE MILLER
	EVERETT MOORE
Sing Song Girls.....	MARGARET MANSFIELD MADELINE McGREVEY
	MARIE RANK
	DOROTHY WEBSTER
	BESSIE LYONS
Tong Men.....	WALLACE MILLER ROLLAND VAN HORN

THREE WISE FOOLS

Three Wise Fools, a comedy in three acts, by Austin Strong, was presented November 6, 1925. This was the first all-school play to be produced in West High, the cast being picked from the entire student body.

The "three wise fools," Othmer Wohlgemuth as Mr. Theodore Findly, Earl Sommers as Dr. Richard Gaunt, and Thomas Searcy as Honorable James Trumbull, portrayed their parts with excellent characterization. Elizabeth Brinkman as Sidney Fairchild, the poor little orphan girl, completely won her audience. Arthur Jensen portrayed the part of Gordon Schuyler, Theodore Findley's rather happy-go-lucky nephew in an appealing fashion. Rolland Van Horn as Benjamin Suratt, the crook who had made his escape from the penitentiary, furnished the thrills, and Ivan

Anton as John Crawshay, Sidney's father, who had been sent to prison for a crime of which he was entirely innocent, played the part unusually well.

The cast worked hard under Mrs. Mattison's direction and presented a play that pleased everyone who witnessed it.

CAST

Mr. Theodore Findley.....	OTHMER WOHLGEMUTH
Dr. Richard Gaunt.....	EARL SOMMERS
Hon. James Trumbull.....	THOMAS SEARCY
Sidney Fairchild.....	ELIZABETH BRINKMAN
Gordon Schuyler.....	ARTHUR JENSEN
Mrs. Saunders.....	DOROTHY DANIELS
Benjamin Suratt.....	ROLLAND VAN HORN
John Crawshay.....	IVAN ANTON
Poole	RICHARD SORENSEN
Gray	MAX BURK
Clancy	GEORGE GRILL
Douglas	PAUL TOOMBS
Policeman	DOUGLAS GRANT

THE REJUVENATION OF AUNT MARY

The second all-school play, "*The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary*," by Anne Warner, was presented March 19 as the first production of Miss Ferne Ferree, the new dramatic coach. It was well received by the audience.

The difficult part of Aunt Mary, made famous by the acting of Miss May Robson, was creditably presented by Avis Douglas.

Mary Louise Bonnell as Betty, the charming little girl from the city who watches over Aunt Mary while she is in New York, and Chad Letton as Jack, Aunt Mary's scapegrace nephew, furnished the love interest.

One of the best characterizations in the entire play was the presentation of the gaunt, ungainly, and curious old maid, Lucinda, by Florence Flynn.

CAST

Aunt Mary	AVIS DOUGLAS
Jack	CHAD LETTON
Betty	MARY LOUISE BONNELL
Lucinda	FLORENCE FLYNN
Joshua	ED SLYE
Girl from Kalamazoo.....	HOPE LAWRENCE
Burnett	VERNON CAGE
Mitchell	MARVIN WRIGHT
Clover	DEANE BAY
Mr. Stebbin	ROBERT FLICK
Daisy Mullens.....	THELMA ELDRIDGE
Eva	VIRGINIA BEEMAN
Butler	ROBERT MCCLARY

MUSIC

With the increased demand for higher education, more time and thought are being placed upon music in the high schools. Schools over the country are realizing the need for larger and better equipped bands and orchestras and higher standards in glee clubs. Music has come into its own and is winning for itself a high place in the activities of the school.

The advantages offered to the students of West in music are many, and all who participate receive much valuable training.

West High's musical organizations have had a very successful year under the direction of Miss Roberta Minter and Mr. Glenn M. Case. Mr. Case came to us from Kansas the first semester and is fast making a place for himself in the hearts of the students. Miss Minter, who has devoted long hours to building up the department, directs the orchestra and girls' glee club, and Mr. Case directs the band and boys' glee club.

The Boys' Glee Club has had a very successful year. The members have participated in a number of delightful assemblies besides singing at other schools and entertainments. They won first place in the divisional contest held at Roosevelt High School, April 10, and came in third in the State Contest at Iowa City, May 6, 7, and 8.

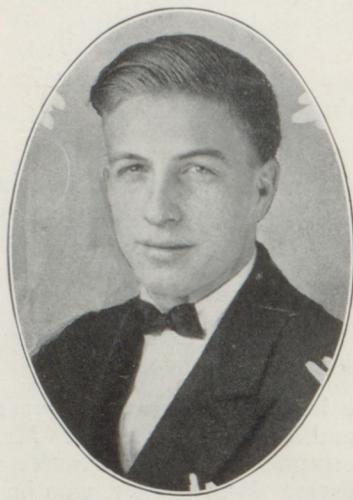
An organization which has met with much favorable comment this past year was the Triple Male Quartette. The members worked outside of school hours preparing for public performances. They have sung for McHenry School P. T. A., Kiwanis Club, Conopus Club, Western Arts Convention, banquet of Traffic Heads, Teachers' Convention, and Chamber of Commerce, besides receiving much pleasure as well as benefit musically from the organization.

The Girls' Glee Club has had a very creditable year also. The club has grown and much has been accomplished. Besides appearing in all musical assemblies, they have furnished numbers for the Baccalaureate service, school club programs, city contest, and have broadcast over W H O, the Bankers Life broadcasting station.

The orchestra and band have had a big year. Both have given pleasure at many assemblies and school entertainments. The band deserves recognition for playing at football games and the May Fete, the orchestra at school plays and assemblies. The two are growing rapidly and anticipate even better organizations next year.

West should be proud of its advance along musical lines. More talented students are urged to try out for these organizations that add so much to one's high school career.

GLEE CLUBS

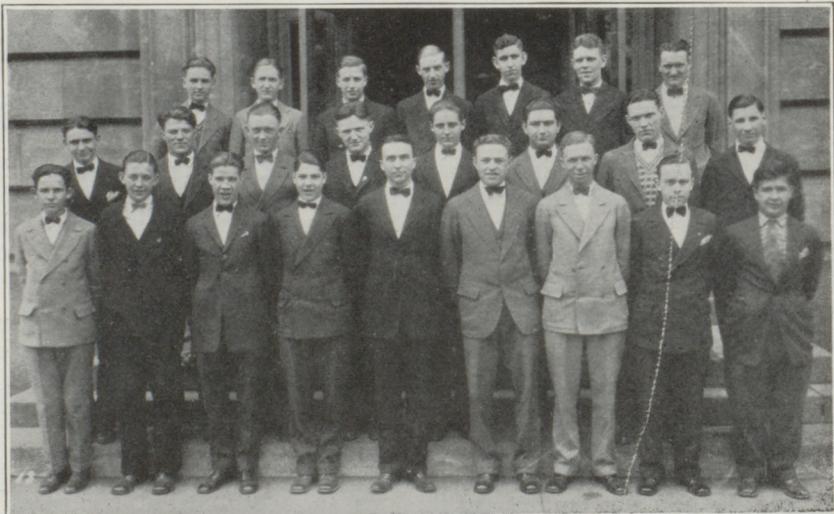


DOUGLASS GRANT

It seems fitting in this book to give due credit to a young man who has brought much honor to his school. His name is Douglas Grant and he is a baritone soloist. He won the music scholarships in the Philharmonic Choir contest and Civic Music contest. He took first place in the State contest at Iowa City, held May 6, 7, and 8, thereby winning the medal offered the best boy soloist entered. Douglas has had the lead in two operettas, the *Belle of Barcelona*, and *Pickles*, and has entered into school activities. The class song was also composed by him. West is sorry to see him go.

One of the most interesting experiences many of our students have

had in course of their high school days was the trip to Iowa City for the first spring Music Festival, directed by the State University of Iowa, May 6, 7, and 8. Twenty-two boys of the West High Glee Club with Janet Ross, accompanist, Mr. Case, director, and Miss Minter and Mrs. Case, chaperones, were the group who went to Iowa City. Those schools who had placed first in the district contest held in different parts of the state, April 10, were those permitted to compete.

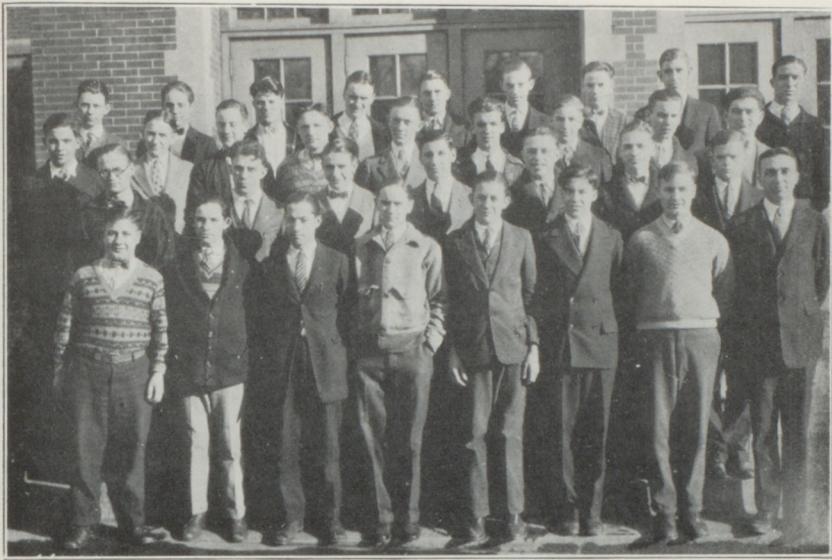


SPRING SEMESTER

First Row: John Larsh, K. Kraemer, C. Letton, Gerald Mefford, Mr. Case, director; R. Frowick, V. Cage, C. Snyder, J. Ortale.

Second Row: K. Bigelow, D. Sorenson, H. Hamilton, T. Eggers, E. Sommers, M. Grund, D. Bay, B. Jacobson.

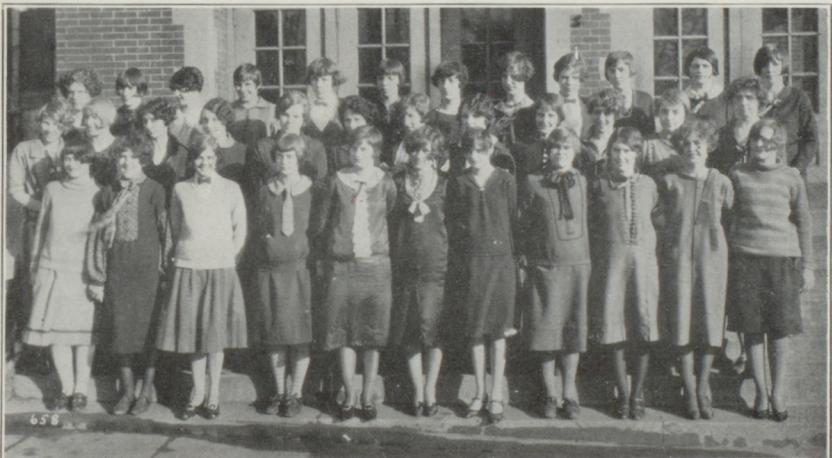
Third Row: M. Burke, A. Dixon, D. Grant, G. Myers, D. Bennett, G. Wright, J. Procise.



FALL SEMESTER

First Row: J. Ortale, J. Larsh, J. Pairise, C. Thiele, K. Kraemer, R. Schoonover, T. Ortale,
Mr. Case, director.
Second Row: D. Grant, J. Green, K. Bigelow, B. Jacobson, R. Frowick, M. Burke, E. Musgrave.
Third Row: H. Allison, A. Dixon, B. McClary, T. Eggers, M. Hamilton, H. Babel, D. Grant,
G. Grill, M. Grund.
Fourth Row: A. Perine, E. Sommers, D. Sorenson, J. Procise, B. Olmsted, G. Myers, F.
McDonald, D. Bennett, T. Searcy.

Our West Boys' Glee Club came in third with Cedar Rapids first. The contest number for the Boys' Glee Club was "Olaf Tryfgason" by Grieg. Douglas Grant won in the solo group. He sang "Duna" and the "Invocation" from Mozart's *Magic Flute*.



First Row: J. Moore, B. Lyons, M. Rank, M. Caldwell, I. King, M. Haycock, J. Blackledge,
L. Carmer, M. Beach, G. Trueblood, A. Douglas.
Second Row: E. McCartney, L. Willey, E. Ahrens, M. Hart, D. Craig, A. Suffel, J. Ross, E.
Dixon, M. Haines, G. Lancelot, H. Jenkins, Miss Minter, director.
Third Row: B. Eggers, D. Agnew, D. Hays, F. Wixom, H. Berry, A. Schoonover, I. Van Arsdale,
T. Carlon, W. Neislar, S. Herbrecht, M. McGreevy, E. Wilson.

PICKLES



The operetta, *Pickles*, or *In Old Vienna*, which was given by combined glee clubs and orchestra, April 16, proved to be one of the greatest attractions of the year.

The attractive settings, clever lines, pretty dances, and tuneful choruses made the performance a success. There was a great deal of adventure, romance, and comedy in this sparkling operetta.

CAST

Louisa	GRACE TRUEBLOOD
Hans Maier	ROY FROWICK
Jigo	DICK SORENSEN
Ilona	MAYBELLE PEARCE
Bumski	MAX BURKE
Rumski	ARTHUR DICKSON
J. Jennison Jones	KENNETH BIGELOW
Lady Vivian DeLancey	DOROTHY CRAIG
Mr. Pennington	THOMAS EGGERS
June Pennington	MARY BEACH
Arthur Crefont	DOUGLAS GRANT
Captain Kinski	EARL SOMMERS
Waiters	{ BEDE IRWIN GERALD FRIEND
Gypsy Girl	DOROTHY AGNEW
Gypsy Man	KARL KRAEMER
Gypsy Violinist	MAURICE GRUND

BAND



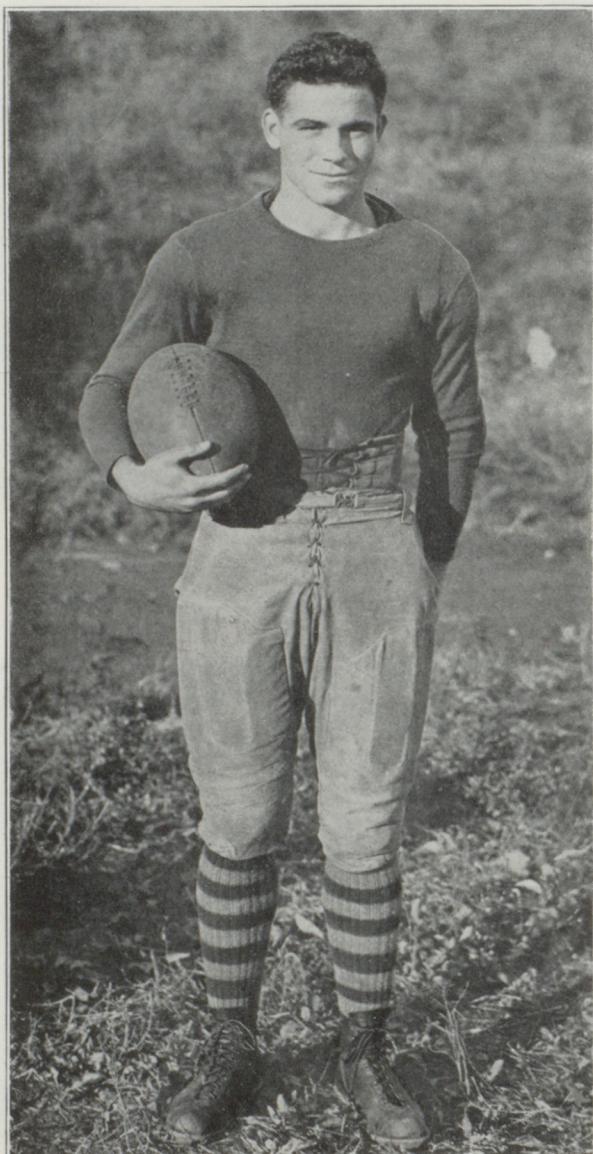
First Row: O. Brewbaker, F. Martin, E. Jardine, Mr. Case, director, H. Holt, H. Hulgan, W. Neislar, S. Derrickson, F. Graves.
Second Row: H. Sparks, C. Lingle, M. Merritt, E. Moore, S. Jacobson, H. Carnagan, F. Thompson, F. Rink, R. Chapman, H. Wilkinson, A. Shepard.
Third Row: A. Wheatley, F. Akes, F. Graef, I. Perkins, P. Keith, M. Moore, H. Jewett, K. Dahlman, K. Morris, E. Lingle.

ORCHESTRA



First Row: D. Jacobs, M. Rank, M. Caldwell, K. Randall, D. Rogers, H. Jewett, F. Akes, B. Mason, L. Hoffman.
Second Row: L. Benton, W. Jensma, L. Willy, E. McCartney, M. Merritt, H. Huff, K. Shankland, K. Torey, H. Doyle.
Third Row: F. Rink, S. Derrickson, F. Thompson, H. Carnagan, Miss Minter, director; E. Moore, J. Bennet, E. Drake, M. Moore.

ATHLETICS



JACK BARNES

Jack Barnes, one of the greatest athletes of all sports ever developed in West High, started his football career when he was only fourteen years old. The first year he was in school, he played end on the undefeated team of 1923. Since then he has been the mainstay of every West High team. He has captained the football team of West High for the two seasons of '24 and '25. He has been picked on every city team for the last three years. In the season of 1926, he received the honor of being chosen captain of the all-state team. His fame and ability as a player spread over the entire state, and his reputation became known to every fan of high school football. He was the triple-threat man of the team, so called because of his ability to kick, pass and run with equal ease and dexterity. As an open field runner Jack had no acknowledged equal. He provided thrills to crowds wherever he went with frequent runs of anywhere from twenty yards upward. Through the season he gave proof of his ability to think and act quickly. He has proved himself a real man by remaining the same old Jack Barnes in spite of the words of praise showered upon him by his fans.

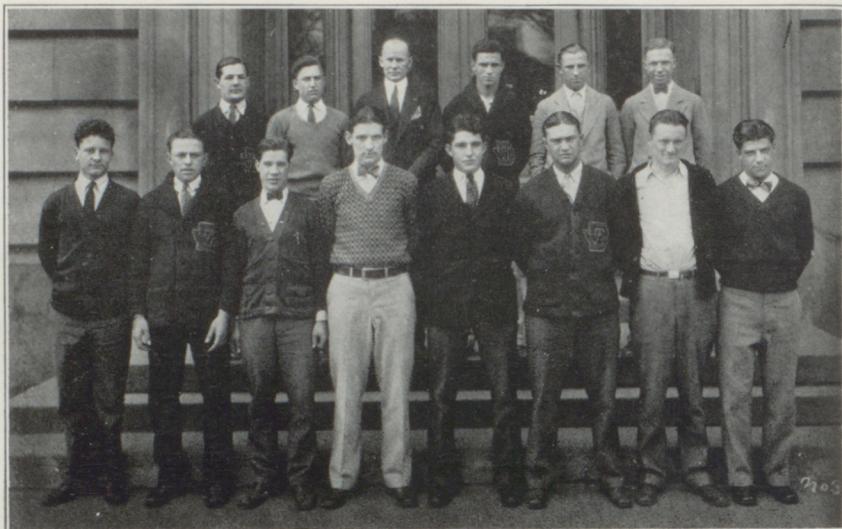
He has an equal record in basket ball, being monogram man for three years. The basket ball team was built around Barnes, and he has the honor of being its captain for his last two years. He has been West High's individual high scorer for every game.

To complete his triumphs he has been a track man of real ability. He has captained that sport as he has the rest for the last two years, and has a monogram for each of his three years of track competition.

Jack Barnes established a new record in regard to monograms, breaking the one of seven formerly held by Coach Harris. Jack has three in football, two in basket ball, and three in track, making a total of eight, the largest number ever received by a West High man.

Jack will be sorely and sincerely missed upon his graduation. Aside from his brilliant athletic career, he was known to his friends as a real fellow. He was, as proof of his popularity, chosen Cardinal at the May Fete in 1926. He will be remembered by the coach as one of West High's outstanding athletes, and by his friends and school mates as one who exemplified his training rules. West High will always remember Jack Barnes.

FOOTBALL 1926



First Row: W. Ashford, R. Frowick, C. Letton, W. Fairfield, G. Shucks, R. Sommers, J. Procise,
Y. Pearlman.
Second Row: A. Ortale, D. Case, Coach Harris, J. Barnes, R. Namanny, V. Cage.

Winning but few games in the entire football schedule, West High, in consideration of opponents, completed a very satisfactory season. During the city season, West defeated Lincoln, tied Roosevelt, and lost to East and North. Our team beat Grinnell for the twelfth time, but suffered defeat in close battles with Fort Dodge and West Waterloo.

All honors go to Jack Barnes, our captain and left halfback, a football man for three years. The fact that he was playing with an inexperienced team only intensifies his fame. He was chosen quarter and captain of the all-city teams, later receiving the same recognition in the all-state mythical team, selected by all the coaches of Iowa. Yale Pearlman, Walter Fairfield, Roy Summers, and Wilbur Ashford gained honorable mention in the city.

In spite of the handicap caused by the loss of Barnes, Coach Harris has great expectation of a winning team in 1927. Eight letter men will be back: Pearlman, Summers, Fairfield, Ashford, Letton, Case, Frowick and Johns. Those men with prospects from last year's second squad, and the new sophomores, should present a very formidable appearance to rivals of West High.

WEST 10—LINCOLN 0

West High, with a very light but aggressive team, opened the 1925 football season on September 26 with a well-earned victory over Lincoln High. Aided by several passes in the first quarter from Barnes to Pearlman, the ball was soon on the seven yard line, from which position Case

smashed over for the first touchdown of the year. In the second quarter Barnes booted a beautiful place-kick from the twenty-five yard line for the other three points scored by West.

In the second half Lincoln came back strong but was repeatedly set back by Barnes' long punts and West High's fighting line. Worley and Prior looked good for Lincoln, while the West Ender's passing combination, Barnes to Pearlman, functioned almost at will against the South-Siders. Letton, Shuck, and Johns also played good ball for the Maize and Blue.

WEST 13—NORTH 19

On the muddy, water-covered field of the Western League Ball Park, the North High Polar Bears plowed their way to victory over the light West High team October 3 by the score of 19 to 13. The game was featured by the two long runs of Jack Barnes, who returned a punt ninety yards through the entire North High team for West's first touchdown, and later ran around his left end for a gain of forty-five yards, putting the ball in position to score. Barnes took it over on the next play. These two runs were the most spectacular seen on a local football field for some time and will long be remembered by local football followers. North made their touchdowns by using straight football most of the time, the light West High team being unable to stop the onslaught of North's hard-hitting backs, Jones and Spears. For West, Barnes, Pearlman, Fairfield, and Summers were the shining lights.

WEST 6—BOONE 6

Emerging rather crippled from the tough North High game, the Maize and Blue eleven journeyed to Boone the following week, Saturday, October 10, to battle the strong Boone aggregation. Boone scored early in the game on a series of end runs and clever cross-bucks, but the light, fighting eleven from Des Moines was as yet far from beaten.

In the second half the Maize and Blue came back with fight and determination, which they lacked greatly in the first half, and swept down the field on smashes and clever runs by Barnes to Boone's ten yard line. Here Boone held, and on the second down Namanny passed to Barnes for a touchdown. Barnes' try for a goal was blocked. Fox, Curry, and Johnstone were the stars for Boone, while Barnes, Summers, Johns, and Namanny looked best for West Des Moines.

WEST 0—WEST WATERLOO 7

West Waterloo, represented by a strong, heavy eleven, made their appearance at Drake Stadium October 17 and took home with them a well-earned 7-0 victory over the Des Moines West Enders.

West put up a great fight and held off defeat until the final minutes of the game when Waterloo, on a recovered fumble, pushed over a touchdown and kicked a goal.

Donald Johns, West High's star tackle, received an injury to his ankle in the final minutes of the game which kept him out for the rest of the season. Ashford, played a good game at end. Barnes played his usual stellar game for West. Holgate and Bovey were the big cogs in the Waterloo machine.

WEST 0—ROOSEVELT 0

In a bitterly fought contest October 24, West and Roosevelt, new, but bitter rivals, see-sawed back and forth for an hour with neither team able to muster a score. Many times Roosevelt would work down within scoring distance, but the West High line, fighting with characteristic spirit, held, and the Roughriders would lose the ball on downs. Here, Barnes' wonderful punting aided West, his kicks for the day averaging close to fifty yards. In the third quarter Barnes broke loose only to be downed from behind after a fifty yard gain. In the final minutes of the game, Roosevelt advanced the ball down to the West High's six inch line and had four downs to put it across. On the first down Pearlman threw Everett for a three yard loss when he attempted to circle his end. Crawford plunged through center for three yards on the next down, again putting the ball on the six inch line. Everett in two more downs failed to put it over. West then advanced the ball to Roosevelt's forty yard line, where Barnes was attempting a place-kick as the game ended. The entire West High team played wonderful ball and their fighting tactics will long be remembered by followers of local football classics. Barnes' running and punting were the outstanding features of the game. Snorf, Whittington, Ely, and Wright were the stars for Roosevelt.

WEST 12—GRINNELL 3

The Grinnell High School eleven, ancient rivals of the Maize and Blue, made their appearance at Drake Stadium, on October 31, only to return to Grinnell with the twelfth straight defeat at the hands of the West High eleven. Grinnell started scoring early when they won a field goal in the first few minutes of play giving them a three point lead. Barnes soon put West on an even basis with her rival by booting a place-kick from the twenty-five yard line. The half ended 3-3.

At the beginning of the second half, West's passing combination, Barnes to Pearlman, began to function, and West soon had the ball in Grinnell's territory. Cage broke through for a good gain, and then Barnes, on successive plays, went over for a touchdown. In the last quarter Barnes booted another place-kick, this time from the forty-two yard line, a kick that would do credit to any college player. Fairfield, Pearlman, Cage, and Summers were the stars for West.

WEST 0—FORT DODGE 7

Saturday, November 7, the West High team journeyed to Fort Dodge for their annual contest with the upstate eleven who were represented by

the strongest team in years, losing but a single game during the season. Due credit should be given to our boys for keeping the score down to a one touchdown margin, as they were outweighed nearly twenty-five pounds to the man. The Dodgers scored on a fumble on the kick-off early in the first quarter. After this, it was a nip and tuck affair, some great fighting being displayed by the Maize and Blue gridders who were in the game every minute. The punting of Barnes of West and Cooley of Fort Dodge were features of the game. Barnes, Namanny, Shuck, and Case were the stars for West. Cooley and Fitzgerald looked best for the Dodgers.

WEST 0—EAST 19

East High, with a powerful, heavy eleven, downed her rivals from across the river in their annual struggle at the Stadium, November 14, by the score 19-0. West, although outplayed the greater portion of the game, was never out-fought, as it was merely a grim fight that kept East from scoring further. All of the scores of the Red and Black were made in the first half, West playing her rivals on even terms in the second half. The clever runs of Lansrude and the line plunging of Kernahan were largely responsible for East's scores. Hague, Keasy, and Olls were other East High stars. Barnes, Pearlman, Ashford, and Ortale did nice work for West.

SWIMMING AND BASKETBALL



First Row: J. Ortale, R. VanHorn, B. Olmsted, J. Procise, R. Namanny, Y. Pearlman, J. Barnes, D. Case, J. Moffett.
Second Row: W. Hull, A. Ortale, H. Breed, M. Burke, R. Frowick, T. Ortale, L. Campbell, G. Friend.
Third Row: S. Elliott, M. Donahoo, E. Comer, E. Alden, G. Shuck, R. King, B. Foster.
Fourth Row: Coach Harris, H. Harvey, R. Fisher, M. Mulchay, F. Mohler, J. Patterson, Coach Morganthalier.

The 1926 season of the West High swimming team was not as successful as seasons of the past. Every dual meet was lost by large scores. In the meet with East High, which resulted in a score of 56 to 7, West High was clearly outclassed. Shuck was the best performer for the West Siders on this occasion. The score of the meet with Roosevelt was Roosevelt 49, West 8. Brown was West's luminary in this meet. With North High, the Maize and Blue secured 10 points while the Polar Bears were garnering 53. Russell Namanny and Rolland Van Horn looked best for West High.

As doped, East High won the city high school meet with a total of 56 counters, North was second with 23, Roosevelt third with 22, West fourth with 4, and Lincoln High failed to place.

Rolland Van Horn and Robert Olmsted were the only swimmers given monograms at the end of the season. Other boys would have been awarded monograms had they not broken training rules.

BASKET BALL

In the comparative standings of the four basket ball teams in each high school of the city, West High had one second, one third, one fourth, and a last place, as a result of the 1925-26 season. Roosevelt led the field with a loss of only two games out of thirty-two played. North ran second, West and East tied for third, and Lincoln came in last.

The West High A team was a well working team and gave all their opponents good fights. Barnes, Pearlman, Case, Namanny, and Moffett made up the team. These boys worked hard and deserved second place.

The most interesting games of the season were the two played by the Roosevelt A team and the West High A team. These two aggregations played very hard-fought games, and the rivalry was indeed intense. Roosevelt was victor in both games after a great struggle. The West High A team won five games and lost three.

The B team, made up of Max Burke, Harold Breed, Lester Campbell, Roy Frowick, and Stanley Elliott, won one game and lost seven. Breed, beginning the second seven, too, scored many baskets.

In the C division, the West High team broke even, winning four and losing four. King and Mulcahy were the luminaries for this squad and did much for their team. Ashford, Goodale, and Friend were the other members of this team.

The D team was the least successful, losing every game.

At the end of the season the Des Moines Register picked the all-city high school basket ball teams and West High was honored in having two of its A team players placed on this mythical quintet. Barnes was put on the first team and Pearlman on the second. These men played fine basketball and deserved the honor of being placed on this picked team.

The final standings follow:

DIVISION A

	W.	L.	Pct.
Roosevelt	8	0	1.000
West	5	3	.625
North	4	4	.500
East	2	6	.250
Lincoln	1	7	.125

DIVISION C

	W.	L.	Pct.
Roosevelt	7	1	.875
West	6	2	.750
North	4	4	.500
East	2	6	.250
Lincoln	2	6	.250

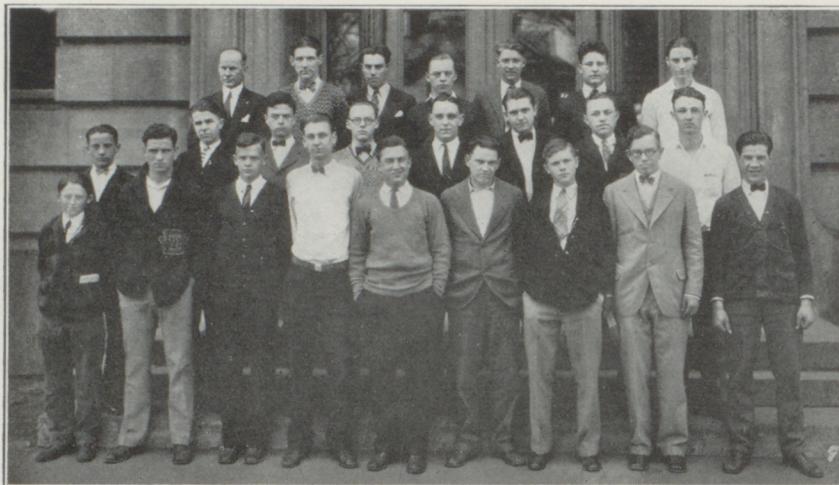
DIVISION B

	W.	L.	Pct.
Roosevelt	7	1	.875
West	6	2	.750
North	5	3	.625
East	1	7	.125
Lincoln	1	7	.125

DIVISION D

	W.	L.	Pct.
Roosevelt	8	0	1.000
West	6	2	.750
North	6	2	.750
East	7	6	.375
Lincoln	0	8	.000

TRACK SUMMARY



First Row: A. Lindquist, J. Barnes, E. Musgrave, B. King, D. Case, G. Friend, T. Brown, E. Moore, C. Letton.

Second Row: L. Huff, E. Slye, P. Beall, R. VanHorn, M. Donahoo, B. Olmsted, R. Frowick, M. Mulcahy.

Third Row: Coach Harris, W. Fairfield, S. Elliott, F. Alden, D. Bruce, W. Ashford, F. Mohler.

The West High track squad ended a fairly successful season, placing third or better in every meet but the state meet. At Grinnell they ranked second, and in the Indianola and city meet they took two thirds. They placed high in the field of events at the Drake Relays and showed up well in the state meet.

Among the men who did especially well in every meet is Jack Barnes, who is a consistent winner in the dashes and hurdles. Jack has won points for West High for three years. In addition to his sprinting and hurdling Jack is a good broad jumper. Dick Case is another good sprinter and hurdler, winning points in the events consistently. As a quarter-miler, Ed Musgrave is unexcelled in the school. Ed also runs a good 220. Bob King has done good work in both the broad jump and high jump. Of the four above mentioned boys the short relay team is made up. It has done much to keep up the standards of West High on the track.

Dick Bruce has made an excellent showing in the high jump. He now holds the city record in the event.

In the distance run, Ted Brown and Frank Mohler has performed well, placing in the mile and half mile events.

Fairfield's discus throwing has helped the team many a time. Walter holds the city record in this, won at the last city meet.

In the broad jump, Everett Moore has been a consistent placer.

TRACK MEETS

GRINNELL MEET—APRIL 17, 1926

West High finished second in the first meet of the year at Grinnell with $16\frac{1}{2}$ points. Marshalltown was first with 26 points. West's points were made in the short relays and the broad jump.

Fast time was the feature of the meet; the West High 440 yard relay team, composed of Case, King, Musgrave, and Barnes, easily won the event in the remarkably fast time of 46 seconds flat. In both the 440 and 880 yard relay, West took the pole at the start and won by a large margin. Moore and Barnes took first and third, respectively, in the broad jump, while Bruce managed to tie for third in the high jump.

THE DRAKE RELAYS—APRIL 23-24, 1926

Although the weather was cold and rainy, the Drake Relays were run off as scheduled and the West High track team upheld the colors of the school by placing high in most of the events.

The Maize and Blue relay team, Case, King, Musgrave, and Barnes, took second in the special 880 yard relay championship of Des Moines. Jack Barnes and Dick Case won third and fourth respectively in a special hundred yard dash for Des Moines high schools.

These races were run in mud and water, so no fast time resulted.

THE INDIANOLA MEET—MAY 8, 1926

Des Moines high schools were again well represented in the district state meet at Indianola; East and Roosevelt took first and second with West a good third.

Jack Barnes took second in the low hurdles, third in the hundred, and placed fourth in the broad jump.

The half mile relay team were nosed out of first place by the crack East High team, getting a close second.

Ted Brown ran a fine race to take a second in the mile, while Ashford placed fourth in the half mile.

Other good performers of the day were Bruce in the high jump, Musgrave in the quarter mile, and Case in the low hurdles and hundred yard dash. Walter Fairfield won the discus throw in easy fashion.

THE STATE MEET—MAY 15, 1926

By nosing out Roosevelt by two points, the well-balanced East High track team won the honors in the state meet at the Drake Stadium. Snorf of Roosevelt was the individual star, winning both hurdles, the hundred yard dash, and broad jump.

Lagerquist of East was another outstanding performer, winning the 220 yard and 440 yard dashes and running anchor man on both relay teams.

Fine weather accompanied the meet and fairly fast time was made in most of the events.

THE CITY MEET—MAY 22, 1926

The closing track classic of the season, the city meet, was one of the fastest track meets in the history of the city track classics. East and Roosevelt took first and second with West High finishing a strong third.

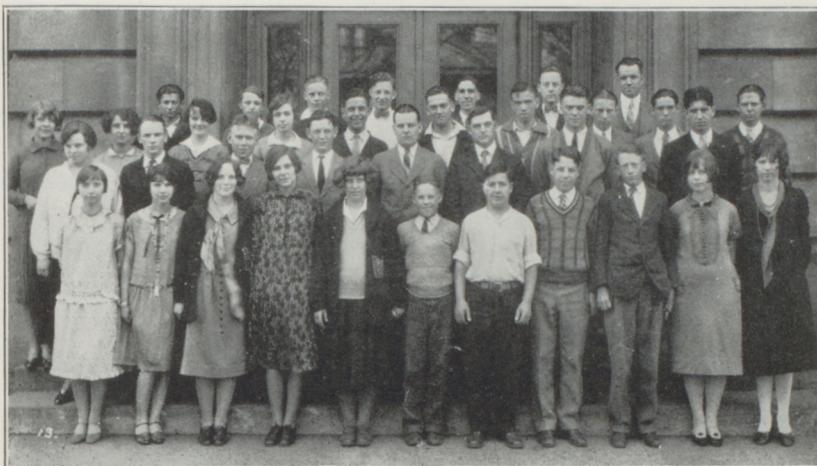
Jack Barnes took second in the low hurdles and third in the hundred, while Dick Case won third in the low hurdles and fourth in the 220 yard dash.

Dick Bruce won the high jump at a new city record height of 5 ft., $8\frac{3}{4}$ in. Bob King also placed in a tie for second place in this event. Fairfield set a new mark in the discus and Musgrave took second in the 440.

Others who deserve recognition are Brown and Mohler for their work in the distance runs.

The West 880 yard relay team placed second when Roosevelt was disqualified in that event.

TENNIS AND GOLF



First Row: D. Miller, F. Barber, B. Clark, R. Ellis, G. Moorehouse, J. Sandburg, J. Ortale, M. Frye, N. Norton, D. Wilson, W. Neislar.
Second Row: D. Craig, B. Throckmorton, I. Anton, J. Patterson, B. Lee, Mr. Sprague, coach; A. Ramsay, B. Foster.
Third Row: B. Mahler, E. Dixon, L. Smith, T. Eldridge, H. Allison, M. Aliber, M. Blakeney, J. Thompson, J. Sutherland, K. Morris.
Fourth Row: E. Michel, J. Williams, J. Moffett, R. Fisher, B. Flick, B. McClary, Coach Morganthalier.

TENNIS

West High started the spring tennis season of 1926 with three men from the 1925 squad. Harold Allison was the only letter man to be back while Morris Aliber and Maurice Blakeney were the other men to return. The season opened May 5 with Roosevelt, West losing all its matches. The next dual meet was with Nevada High, West losing all but the match won by Allison. In the meet with East High, May 6, West lost every match. Two city meets are left for West High, with North High, May 24, 25, and Lincoln High, June 2 and 3.

Allison will be the only player lost to the team next season. Blakeney, Morris, and Aliber are returning, so a good season is expected next year.

GOLF

The golf season of 1926 was started off with a bang, West winning from North High with a score of 22-2. Immediately following that event, the West High golfers gave Valley Junction a $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ defeat. This was rather unexpected as the Valley Junction men are ranking high in the various city tournaments. However, our men lost to East High on May 22, 15-9. The West High golfers, in order of their ranking ability, are: John Patterson, Bob Lee, Jack Sandberg, Neal Norton, James Wright, Ivan Anton, Warren Ashby, John Ortale.

W. G. A. A.



First Row: B. Lyons, G. Moorehouse, E. Clark, Miss Metcalf, advisor; H. Campbell, A. Slattery, M. Rank, M. Caldwell.
Second Row: L. Oppenheim, M. Kraemer, H. Bierring, V. Iddings, V. Derickson, F. Deerwester, B. Peirce, F. Clancy.
Third Row: E. Dixon, E. Smith, D. Agnew, H. Huff, B. Mahler, M. Pierce, L. Smith.
Fourth Row: H. Berry, A. Schoonover.

The West High Girls' Athletic Association was organized in 1918 under the supervision of Miss Blanche Miles. From the beginning, the club has been very active and, although few sports were participated in at first, now all types of seasonal activities are being promoted. The purpose of the club is: first, "to promote and protect the athletic spirit of the West High girls, and to encourage good fellowship among them"; and second, "to have every girl participate in some form of physical activity, rather than to have a limited number participate because of superior physical prowess."

This club has aroused in the girls of the school an interest in athletics and has helped to promote good sportsmanship among them.

The W. G. A. A. holds its meetings in the gymnasium every second and fourth Wednesday morning before school.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President	Bothilda Mahler
Vice President	Regina Fillingham
Secretary	Eleanor Clark
Treasurer	Margaret Walker
Social Chairman	Erma Dixon
Program Chairman	Ethel Carmer

Spring Semester

President	Gretchen Moorehouse
Vice President	Bothilda Mahler
Secretary	Ethel Carmer
Treasurer	Ardel Schoonover
Social Chairman	Regina Fillingham
Program Chairman	Erma Dixon

Club Advisor—Miss Metcalf

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

In 1918, under the supervision of Miss Blanche Miles, who was the physical education director at that time, the W. G. A. A., or the West Athletic Girls' Association, was organized. The sports participated in then were track, volley ball, captain ball, battle ball, high jump, dashes, distance throwing, hiking, and swimming.

In 1920, Misses Miles, Huffman, and Hunt carried on the work of the association and introduced, as new activities, canoeing, horseback riding, tennis, skating, golf, and cycling.

The Girls' Athletic Association has progressed so far that now all possible seasonal sports are enjoyed. In the early fall, the girls play soccer and hockey; in the late fall, nine court basket ball and volley ball; in the winter, skating and skiing are in the lead; and in the spring the girls participate in golf, tennis, baseball, track, and horseback riding.

The W. G. A. A. is carried on under the point system. The girls earn points for keeping health charts, for leadership, and for passing certain requirements in swimming, golf, tennis, track, and various team activities.

Those girls who, either last semester or this, earned enough points (300) for their W. G. A. A. monograms are: Lucile Boyce Reeves, who was the first girl to earn this state honor; Gretchen Moorehouse, Alice Slattery, Regina Fillingham, Hester Campbell, and Bothilda Mahler.

Those who won their numerals by earning 150 points are: Lenore Oppenheim, Ethel Carmer, Ardel Schoonover, Dorothy Agnew, and Verba Parker.

Lucile Boyce and Gretchen Moorehouse, through their 300 point honors, are eligible for state recognition.

GOLF

The inter-school golf tournament for the fall of 1925 was as follows:

October 8—(Postponed to October 13)

West vs. Roosevelt

East vs. North

October 15—

East vs. West

Roosevelt vs. North

October 22—

East vs. Roosevelt

North vs. West

The girls on the first team for the fall season were: Gretchen Moorehouse, Faye Barber, Eleanor Clark, Willie Neislar, Dorothy Craig, and Doris Miller.

Both the Roosevelt and the North High girls won their matches from West; and in the East vs. West game the final score was a 3 to 1 victory for West. Gretchen Moorehouse and Faye Barber won over their oppo-

nents and Dorothy Craig lost her match. Doris Miller was disqualified because she lost her match by default.

The spring tournament schedule for the West High girls was as follows:

May 14—East vs. West
May 21—Roosevelt vs. West
May 28—North vs. West

BASEBALL

The baseball schedule, which opened May 3, was as follows:

MAY 3—	MAY 10—
Sr. mixed team vs. C. Kurtz	G. Moorehouse vs. T. Edgars
E. Houchin vs. T. Edgars	C. Kurtz vs. Elsie Houchin
MAY 5—	MAY 17—
C. Kurtz vs. G. Moorehouse	Sr. mixed team vs. T. Edgars
Mixed Sr. team vs. E. Houchin	E. Houchin vs. G. Moorehouse
MAY 19—	
C. Kurtz vs. T. Edgars	
Sr. team vs. G. Moorehouse	

The most competent players on the teams are: Gladys James, Anna-belle Gillispie, Gretchen Moorehouse, Hester Campbell, Elsie Houchin, Mary Holmes, Regina Fillingham, Florence Crary, Dora Thomas, Clara Webb, and Mary Carson.

TENNIS

The girls who represent West High in the singles are: Bothilda Mahler, Erma Dixon, and Thelma Eldridge. The doubles are: Leo Smith, Lena Norton, Thelma Eldridge, Erma Dixon, and Bothilda Mahler.

The schedule for the spring tournament was as follows:

May 5—Roosevelt vs. West
May 12—East vs. West
May 24—North vs. West
June 2—West vs. Lincoln

The results of the first two matches were: Roosevelt 3—West 1; East 2—West 2.

VOLLEY BALL

Volley ball is a mid-winter, early morning sport. The season ended with a round robin tournament between the four teams, captained by Chestine Kurtz, Blanche McKeever, Helen Berry, Irma Van Arsdale, and Gladys James. The tournament was won by Gladys James' team.

NINE COURT BASKET BALL

There were four nine court basket ball teams that played a double round robin tournament. The 9A team, under the leadership of Chestine Kurtz, won the tournament.

From the different teams, a first and second team was chosen by Miss Metcalf, the physical director:

FIRST TEAM

Gladys James, Captain.....	Jumping Center
Marjorie Long.....	Side Center
Minnie Fields.....	Side Center
Georgia Dobson.....	Forward
Elsie Houchin	Forward
Blanche McKeever.....	Forward
Bernice Pierce	Guard
Lenore Oppenheim	Guard
Gretchen Moorehouse.....	Guard

SECOND TEAM

Alice Slattery.....	Jumping Center
Chestjne Kurtz, Captain.....	Side Center
Wanda Hunnicutt.....	Side Center
Doris Marie Noah.....	Forward
Hazel Glass	Forward
Ramona Hall	Forward
Martha Nichols.....	Guard
Hester Campbell	Guard
Genevieve Page.....	Guard



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June, 1926

THE WEST HIGH WORLD

Surrounding everything of any import in life is an atmosphere. It may be good or it may be bad; it may be restrictive or it may be expansive; it may be destructive or it may be constructive. This is particularly true when related to groups of people, for through their social contacts they create an atmosphere. Is it possible for us to analyze our school world and find the elements which combined produce the air in which we live and move and have our being for the greater part of the time? In other words, what elements combined produce our school world?

Perhaps the most vital factor in this world of ours is student participation in government. Fifteen committees, many of them composed of one member from each home room, direct the school activities and report the success of their efforts to the clearing house, the Student Council. The information is then broadcast through the school in the reports given in each home room after every meeting of the Student Council.

Closely allied to this in its organization is the character commission work. The leaders in the school are grouped into four commissions: Honesty, Leisure Time, Social Life, and Democracy and Race Relations. Monthly meetings furnish an opportunity for discussions relative to the raising of the standards along these lines, and once a semester in an all-day or week-end conference the whole group discusses the questions which have been raised in the conferences of the individual groups.

Various all-school activities furnish a stage on which every member of the school may play his part. All-school parties are arranged every semester by the Student Council social committee. The annual May Fete is another all-school function, where the most representative boys and girls in the Junior Schools and the one who is the choice of the Sub Junior School participate in the ceremonies attending the crowning of the May Queen by the Cardinal. The selection of May Queen and Cardinal by the Senior School offers the student body the opportunity to put the stamp of approval on the boy and the girl who most nearly represent the West High spirit. The coronation is followed by a program in which dancing on the green and the winding of the May pole occupy prominent places. The festivities are concluded by a picnic in which each home room has its own dinner party.

Once, too, during the year an evening is set apart when each student is urged to bring his parents to school with him and enjoy the session which otherwise would have met in the afternoon. This is called Demonstration School.

There is one of the Senior activities which is thoroughly enjoyed by the entire school, the special celebration designated as "Kid Day." Seniors lay aside their dignity and frolic as they did in the days of yore; dolls, skates, bicycles, and other childish toys are much in evidence to the amusement of the student body, and at the party which follows the close of the school session even the "silo" fire escape is utilized as a plaything.

When so much is attempted in order to create a wholesome school atmosphere is it strange that the Seniors often dread the approach of the close of their high school career, and is it not natural that many return after graduation to participate in some of the pleasures which they had enjoyed most fully?

Miriam Woolson Brooks.

CHARACTER CONFERENCE

On a little level stretch of ground half way up the hill from the Des Moines River stands the Elkhorn Lodge of the Des Moines Y Camp. The camp is located seven miles north of Boone, Iowa, and for the third time it has contained a group of people from West who have met to discuss their mutual problems and the problems of the school. It is in Elkhorn Lodge or "the lodge," as it is popularly called, that these discussions are held.

The Y camp is an exceptionally fine location for such a gathering as this. On the east a hill rises high above the low-roofed buildings, while on the west a steep incline drops off toward the river. North and south the road runs through the camp, but even that is cut off on the south because of a sharp declivity, which sometimes renders it impassable. Thus it is, that separated from everything but nature, the leaders of the school gather to think about what they can do to improve conditions in West High.

The primary purpose of the conference is concisely expressed in the name, "West High Character Conference," or, more completely, in the statement of the aim: "to discuss, in a general way, problems of all-school importance and to suggest possible remedies."

At the first conference, which was held in March, 1925, the students were divided into five groups, in which the following topics were discussed: character, leisure time, social life, honesty, and democracy and race relations. Every problem relating to school life was investigated and methods of helping conditions were suggested.

The first conference, however, was merely a foundation on which to build. Not until the second, was the real, constructive work started, and it is for future conferences and the commissions organized to continue the work during the school year to finish this work.

New leaders are continually rising up to replace those who join the ranks of the alumni, and to continue in their work.

But of course not all of the time in camp is spent in thinking. Pleasure is necessary to afford a relief from concentrated effort, and that is provided in boating, swimming, and hiking, not to mention pingpong and archery practice. It is while at play that those participating in the conferences come to really know each other, and that they think over, and exchange views on what has already gone on in the meetings. The crowning episode of the three-day trip is the Saturday evening's campfire about which everyone gathers to watch the fiery stars of light flash through the air.

If the influence of the Conference can only improve the interest in school activities and the ideals and attitudes of all West High, its purpose will be fulfilled. Already a growing spirit of good-will is being felt throughout the student body, and soon, it is hoped, there will be no problems to be solved, but every West High student will feel himself a part of the organization and very necessary to its program.



THE MAY FETE

What is to a great many people the most beautiful and elaborate celebration of the whole school year is the annual May Fete, which is held on the first day of May in Goode Park. It is the only occasion when a majority of the West High students and teachers come together for a general good time. The event is always greatly anticipated, and some can hardly await the glorious day when it will take place. For several weeks a great deal of time is spent in preparation, and hard work on the part of those participating has always made this great school picnic a huge success.

As soon as school is out, the anxious boys and girls flock in large numbers to Goode Park. There are also many inquisitive strangers and folk who live in the surrounding vicinity who come to view the grand celebration. After several hundred eager spectators have gathered near the spot for the entertainment, the school band commences to play a joyful tune. Almost instantly silence prevails and a profound hush creeps over all. Soon two little heralds dressed in maize and blue appear carrying trumpets, and behind them comes the crown bearer. Next in the procession is the Cardinal, the most prominent boy in West High. He is arrayed in a gorgeous red costume. Then entering in glorious state, the May Queen comes forward, attired in a beautiful white gown, with a trailing veil which is carried by two small train bearers. She has been chosen by the student body as the girl who most nearly represents the West High spirit. She is closely followed by her four maiden attendants who are the other most representative girls in the school. They each wear a lovely gown.

As the Queen kneels before the Cardinal, he places the silver crown on her bowed head, and then they take their places on two beautifully decorated thrones. The other members surround them on the draped steps. Following the crowning of the May Queen, there is the fantastic May Pole Dance which is performed by petite girls. After this either a pageant or a little pantomime is given with dances interspersed, or clever stunts are put on by the home rooms of the school. At the close of the delightful entertainment, there is the recessional of the May Queen and Cardinal with their attendants.

After the ceremony each home room group enjoys a bountiful picnic supper and the opportunity of growing better acquainted. After the picnic, some begin to stroll home or swing, and still others enjoy a game of tennis, baseball, or horseshoes.

Soon the once joyous place of the afternoon is still, but the pleasure of that day yet lingers in the minds of all and is not soon to be forgotten.

DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL

Demonstration School? Oh, yes, I remember. That's the night when the students of West High show their brilliancy to their parents. School begins at seven-thirty and a general spirit of gaiety prevails.

The halls are crowded with laughing, chattering students and proud parents. Bits of conversation such as "Helen, I want you to meet my mother" and "Say, Jo, what is the French word for 'found'?" or "I'm glad I don't have Math" are heard as you pass through the crowd.

In the class room the spirit of gaiety still prevails to a certain extent. Classes in French are giving a very amusing translation of short stories. In classes such as Math, where it is necessary to write on the board or do oral work, worried glances are passed from student to teacher and to parents alternately. Each student is fervently hoping that he will be the lucky one and not have to recite.

Stationed here and there in the halls are students who are acting as guides. They feel very fortunate because they need not go to classes.

"Yes, right around the corner to your left."

"Hello, Jean."

"Yes, up to the third floor and straight ahead."

"No, I haven't seen him, but what class does he have? Geometry? All right, room 26, third floor, to your right, down the long hall and the second door on your left."

"Do I get tired? Gee, no, this is heaps better than being in classes."

"Beg pardon? Second floor and to your left." A conversation like this might be heard if you stand near one of the hall monitors for a few minutes.

Ah! there is the bell!

Gee, those two periods were long but—now for a good time. All the parents, and the students who do not dance, go to the auditorium, where a clever program is presented. The other students, relieved after their strenuous efforts of appearing "smart" gather at the gymnasium for a dance. After all, they think Demonstration night isn't so bad. In every class their parents felt proud of them, they were sure, and now they can forget studies for a while in a jolly good time.



SPORTS

As necessary to the spirit of a football game as the two teams struggling over a little piece of pigskin is the cheering of the enthusiastic crowd that fills the amphitheater. Muttering of voices and cheers are constantly arising before the game starts. Everyone is trying to "dope" out the results and weighing and balancing the advantages and disadvantages of each team. The beauty of maize and blue banners and decorated goal posts is seen through a mist of blue and yellow confetti.

When the team comes on the field, the mutter of a thousand voices changes to one mighty cheer, which gradually dies down to an expectant hush just before the kick-off. With banners waving and colors streaming, the battle-royal of the year is witnessed by thousands of people. The spirit of the crowd is indescribable. Yet, when the struggle is over and the field is cleared, the rooters return home with satisfaction, no matter what the score, for the game has been well played. This new spirit, so unlike the old school antagonism, is considered true sportsmanship. Thus the football season ends with glory and honor for the team.

Following football, the school turns its interest to basket ball and swimming. With the balcony crowded with eager spectators and the boys on the floor in the colors of the school, the spirit of sportsmanship is again revealed. From the time the referee blows the whistle to start the game until the final whistle is blown the crowd is cheering or groaning as the case may be.

A swimming meet is a fascinating sight, with judges in white suits running here and there, and the participants in their bathing suits getting into form. The relays, breaststroke, and many others are of much interest to the spectators, but the most beautiful is the diving.

Swimming and basket ball give way to track which is the major sport of the Spring. Soon after lunch on a Spring afternoon, the crowd begins to gather at the stadium, and the hustling Boy Scouts, acting as ushers, take the people to their respective seats. Near the "press box" is a table on which the trophies are awaiting the winners of the event.

Now comes the announcer with his huge megaphone to call the events on the program. The relays, dashes, hurdle races, and field events all call forth the highest attention of the crowd, and cheers of encouragement may be heard from the stands as some favorite athlete "shows his stuff."

As athletic training is such a great factor in building physical strength and mental accuracy and obedience, this aspect of school life has become one which is very important and deserves the backing of every student who is interested in the activities of his school.

CORRIDOROLOGY

8:10 by the office clock! Already the busy hum of the corridors has begun. Here and there in the hallways are little groups laughingly discussing incidents of the day. Humorous sentences, some queer, some even unintelligible, float out to the ears of the passerby. Everywhere is bustle and hurry although it is twenty minutes until time for school to begin.

But what are twenty minutes when one has to tell the eager listeners everything that was said the night before? What are twenty minutes when a suddenly bashful boy has to turn the conversation so that he can ask the unapproachable young lady for a date for the next Friday evening?

At the first corner as one enters the door, stands a group of boys, shoving, jostling, laughing, talking, all with as great energy as is possible considering their lack (?) of practice. Their bright faces are a cheerful "good morning" to anyone coming in, and their good humored remarks to certain fair damsels are a never-ending source of amusement to all.

Farther down the hall is a group of girls with heads put together as if in the deepest conference. Frequent cries of "Oh, kid" and "Plenty smart, I'll say" can be heard, intermixed with a liberal supply of giggles and a diligent wielding of powder puffs. All through the hall are girls gossiping around the lockers, powdering their noses and combing already smooth hair.

Upstairs groups of young folk saunter to and fro, ever talking and laughing. In fact, the whole effect seems to be that of a contest of wits in an effort to see who can get the most said before the bell rings. This is further proved when, upon the instant clanging of the bell, the buzzing rises to a deafening roar as now only a few minutes are left and there is so much more to be said.

And then what a silence once school has started! Everywhere vacant halls and an unearthly stillness, broken only by the occasional shuffle of the feet of a hall monitor, as he paces back and forth at his post.







MOTHER GOOSE A LA MODE

There was an old lady—her name was West High.
She had enough kids to make anyone sigh!
They took all their playthings and candy to school,
And chewed gum, and whispered, and broke every rule.
At noon when the kiddies played 'round in the halls,
They made such a noise with their giggles and squalls,
That their mother just couldn't feel really kid-proof,
So she drove them outside—and they climbed to the roof!
And while they were up there they raised such a din
That the nice little children who'd stayed close within
Just ran to the windows to see them at play,
And there wasn't so very much studying that day.
After lessons were over and work was all done,
The kids gathered together and had lots of fun,
A-sliding down fire-escapes, bannisters, too—
Their crows of delight made the atmosphere blue!
And after a party the kids went away,
Full of candy and happiness, tired but gay.
And even their mother could share in their joy,
And make the day glad for each girlie and boy.

CAFETERIA

"Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! 'Tis the charge of the Light Brigade.
Down the runway, not run the downway. A sixty-yard dash for a tray?
No, a solemn step, similar to that of the Seniors at graduation."

This is what rapidly goes through our heads as we hurry for our lunch in the cafeteria. Some of us feel as if our stomachs were touching our backbones. Others only come down for a "Hershey" or a dish of ice cream.

Now to "grab" a tray and find something on the menu that we like. Perhaps when we get to the cash register we have lunch something like this: a bowl of vegetable soup, four crackers, a dish of mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, head lettuce salad with thousand island dressing, and a piece of cherry pie, or a dish of ice cream and cake. We then wait, patiently looking at and smelling this food, until we reach the cash register where we pay for our lunch.

We have a good time while we eat, shouting at the top of our voices, or perhaps I should say throats, to make ourselves heard to our neighbor sitting next to us, or across the table.

About the next thing is a "crash," "bang" heard from some distant corner. "Ha, ha, he, he," arises from every table. Someone left butter on his fingers and dropped a tray of dishes which must be cleaned up and paid for.

After we have eaten comes the "grand stacking." Stacks and stacks, and so near alike, too! Who can tell the difference between a salad plate and a pie plate? Who has escaped putting a sauce-dish in the soup-dish pile?

Well, that's over. Now to deposit the tray, wipe our hands and "puff" up the runway to the hall. But such is life, and this is nothing to the glory and fun we get out of it. So, here's to Mr. W. H. Cafeteria, Mrs. Anderson, and the cafeteria committee! Much praise and commendation is due to those who so ably supervise this daily dining.



WEST HIGH SOCIAL LIFE

West High offers frequent opportunities for enjoyment in a social way in the form of her many all-school parties. Each semester at least one of these functions is held, and often there are two or three within a half-year period.

In the fall the school always gives a party in honor of the football team. This social event is held at the school house, as are all school functions, and any West High student who will pay the social dues is welcome. A program is given in the auditorium, after which there is dancing in the gym and games in 13. An interesting feature of this all-school party is the large cake which is presented to the members of the team.

For the last two years it has been the policy of the school to hold some social function during Christmas vacation. Different kinds of dances, including barn-dances, costume parties, and functions of similar nature are carried out in a clever manner by the social committee of the Student Council.

This year a new event was added to the social calendar. This was the Colonial Ball, held near the time of Washington's birthday. The gym was attractively decorated with green streamers and red cherries. Guests came dressed as ladies and gentlemen of the colonial period, and a prize was awarded for the best costume.

In addition to the all-school social functions, many parties are held by the clubs throughout the school. The clever schemes of decoration make the old gym look far more presentable than usual, and the beauty and gaiety of these parties brighten all school life, and make for bigger and better friendships and social relations among the students. Under the guidance of the social advisor, Mrs. Brooks, these events have come to have an important place in school life. They do not take the place of our regular studies, but they help to round out our experiences and develop one side of our four-fold life, and make us more able to understand and sympathize with those who are about us all day.

It is the duty of every West High student to help make these social functions as much of an asset to West High's life as he can.

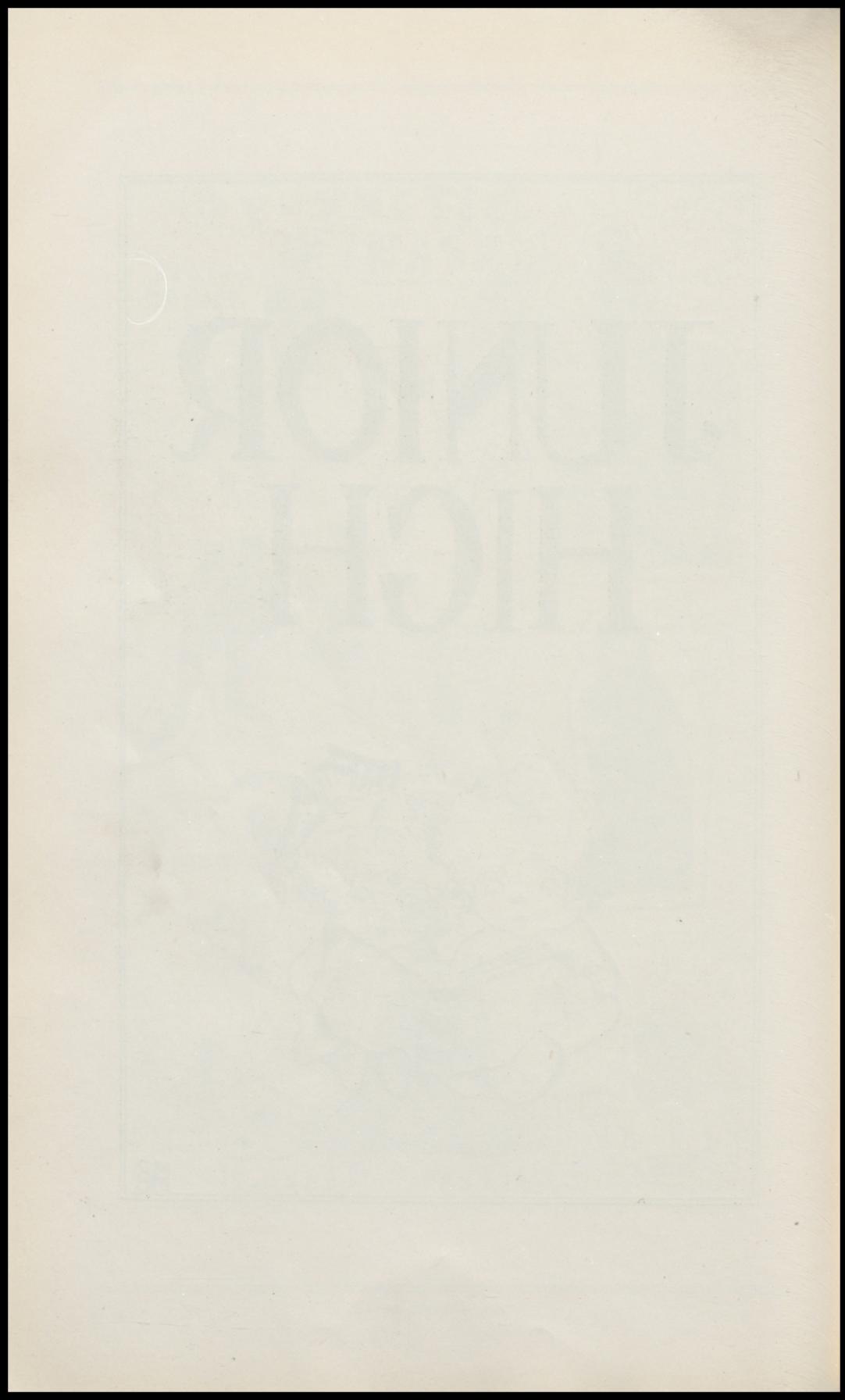




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JUNIOR STUDENT COUNCIL



First Row: J. Wade, J. Sandberg, H. Harding, A. Pye, B. Silke, L. Crawford, W. Coan, R. Lane, C. Elbert.
Second Row: D. Noah, R. Blount, A. Jansen, E. Guild, J. Reese, R. Whetzel, G. Dobson, E. Winachor, G. Connely.
Third Row: J. Friend, M. McLaughlin, H. Tyer, F. Huff, J. Linn, F. Brewer, E. Neufeld, J. Toussaint.
Fourth Row: Mrs. Brooks, advisor; S. Jacobson, F. Bell, I. Carson, W. Ashby, H. Barton.

The establishment of the Student Council in Junior High was made possible in the year of 1923 through the efforts of Don Kauffman, then president of the Senior Council.

The organization was formed for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the school, of representing the student body and their ideals, and of developing a greater spirit of democracy.

At the beginning of each school year, two council representatives are elected from each home room. The presidents of clubs and chairmen of the character commissions are ex-officio members.

The Student Council through its committees helps to regulate the Junior school. It is promoting the work of the Junior High Safety Council, character commission work and joins with the Senior Council in solving school problems.

Chad Letton, vice president of the Senior Council, has presided over the Junior Council for four semesters.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

Vice President.....Arnoldine Young
SecretaryKatheline Shankland
TreasurerIrwin Shaw

Spring Semester

Vice President.....Alice Jansen
SecretaryJacquette Reese
TreasurerFred Lichtry

DEBATING CLUB

The first meeting of the Junior High Boys' Debating Club was held during the first semester of 1926-1927, under the leadership of Mrs. Brooks. The advisability of organizing such a club was discussed, and several names were recommended. In the next meeting the name "Henry Clay Debating Club" was chosen and a constitution committee was appointed. The following meeting witnessed the adoption of the constitution. The purpose of the club is "to further the interests of debating in the Junior High."

To date, two meetings have been held in which debating was the order of the day. The first debate was, "Resolved, that athletics is a better leisure time activity than debating," and the second, "Resolved, that Junior High boys should earn their expenses." A business meeting was also held in which new members were taken in.

OFFICERS

President	Elmer Neufeld
Vice President.....	Jean Jacobs
Secretary	Edward Allen

PARLIAMENTARY LAW CLUB

The Parliamentary Law Club is the only club in Junior High which admits both boys and girls of the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades to its membership. It is one of the most interesting as well as educational clubs. Drill is given to students concerning the things which it is essential to know when they have charge of a meeting or class. To promote self-confidence, members are chosen at each meeting to take charge of the making of motions or other points of parliamentary procedure. In this way, valuable practical experience is gained.

The social life of the organization is as necessary as the educational side. The members have had Hallowe'en, Christmas, and many other holiday parties. Everything is well planned so that if you come to the meetings you will spend a pleasant noon period.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

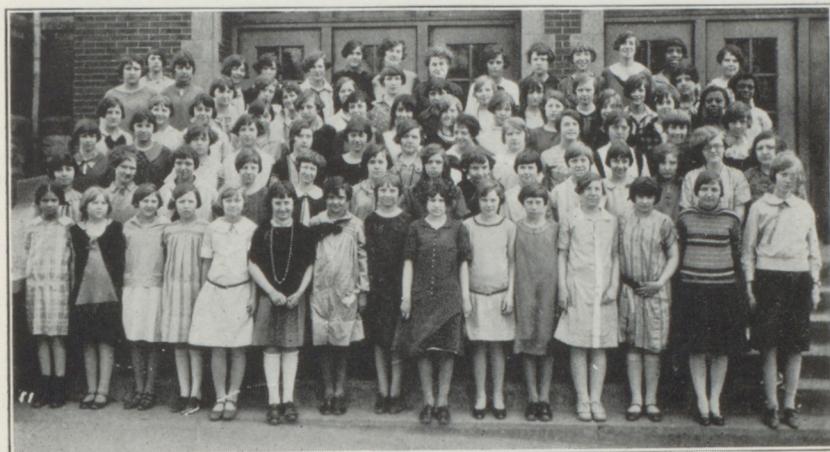
President	Catherine White
Vice President.....	Elmer Neufeld
Secretary	Lorinne Crawford

Spring Semester

President	Elmer Neufeld
Vice President.....	Jane Alexander
Secretary	Lorinne Crawford

Faculty Advisor—Miss Mitchell

JUNIOR HI-Y. W.



First Row: D. Sharon, L. Payton, R. Patrich, L. Goodwin, R. Cleveland, G. Wessel, E. Lower, H. Wickersham, M. Silke, M. McCracken, Z. Murphy, B. Moore, M. Nichols, V. Hayner, L. Welch.
Second Row: H. Morton, O. Shipman, G. Baird, V. Horton, F. Loeb, F. Ferris, O. Sherriff, M. Williams, B. Williams, E. McHaia, A. Stone, M. Halsey, L. Nazarene, H. Hall.
Third Row: B. Isaacs, E. Abram, V. Prater, M. Shadford, M. Miller, L. Faust, E. Moreno, E. Masterson, G. Forster, E. Nelson, M. Dorman, K. Kensinger, D. Sharpe.
Fourth Row: D. Noah, A. Pye, G. Crawford, W. Coan, R. Whetzel, J. Reese, G. Norton, V. Dobson, F. Brewer, H. Grinspan, H. Ball, M. Anderson, Z. Cassel.
Fifth Row: K. Brownfield, V. Himan, T. Holland, H. Northrup, D. Norton, M. Efnor, C. Jensma, H. Woodard, V. Terriball, G. Thomas, F. Harvey, D. Drew, C. Shular Wiatt.
Sixth Row: M. Doner, F. Crary, O. Goodlaxen, R. Nelson, F. Bell, I. Carson, Miss Shaw, advisor; M. Neff, M. Griffiths, D. Meline, J. Alexander, H. Patten, W. Jordon.

When the Junior School first came into West, the Junior Hi-Y. W. was organized to continue the work of the Girl Reserves. Since then, the club has been growing bigger and better each semester, until this year approximately one hundred twenty-five members have answered to roll call. The purpose of the Hi-Y. W. is the betterment of girlhood.

The members have found many opportunities for social and service duties. At Christmas time, they gave a party for the kiddies at the Des Moines Children's Home. In January, a vaudeville was presented by home talent. In April, the Junior Hi-Y. W. entertained the Roosevelt and Washington Irving Junior High organizations at a party. A joint Y. M. and Y. W. banquet was given in May.

The Junior Y. W. girls always sell ice cream at the May Fete, bringing money into the treasury so that dues are not required.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President Lillian Norton
Vice President Mary Nicholson
Secretary Jacquette Reese
Treasurer Georgia Dobson

Spring Semester

President Jacquette Reese
Vice President Ramona Whetzel
Secretary Mildred Halsey
Treasurer Helen Norton

Faculty Advisor—Miss Shaw

SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE DRAMATIC CLUB

A meeting for the organization of the Seventh and Eighth Grade Dramatic Club was held September 21, 1925. Following this time, the regular meetings were held on the first and third Mondays of the month.

The purpose of the club is to promote interest in dramatics.

During the current year, various types of programs have been given. Original plays, several one act plays, readings, dances, and songs were presented by members of the organization or by guests. A St. Patrick's day program, with Irish song and dance numbers, was also very enjoyable.

One of the outstanding social features of the year was the luncheon held November 30th in the cafeteria.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

President	Jane Alexander
Vice President.....	Helen Grinspan
Secretary	Mildred Williams
Treasurer	Wanda Cohen

Spring Semester

President	Alice Pye
Vice President.....	Alice Stone
Secretary	Helen Ball
Treasurer	Helen Norton

Faculty Advisor—Miss Rourke

JUNIOR THESPIAN CLUB

The Junior Thespian Club, formerly known as the Ninth Grade Dramatic Club, is an organization for the purpose of discovering and developing literary and dramatic ability among the students of the ninth grade. There are no restrictions on membership except the usual requirements of scholarship and citizenship.

The regular meetings of the club are held in the club room the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Each meeting opens with a short business session in which the members receive a little practice in parliamentary procedure. The programs of the year have consisted of musical numbers, readings, original poems and stories, and short papers or talks on topics of current interest. Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, and Christmas were observed with special features appropriate to the occasion.

As its contribution to the May Fete, the Thespian Club depicted a scene in an ancient Chinese school. Under the direction of a dignified teacher, the students received instruction in writing, in calculation, and in the sacred teachings of the ancient philosophers.

Although the club has been small, some good work has been accomplished. Junior Thespian is looking forward to an increased membership and wider activity next year.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

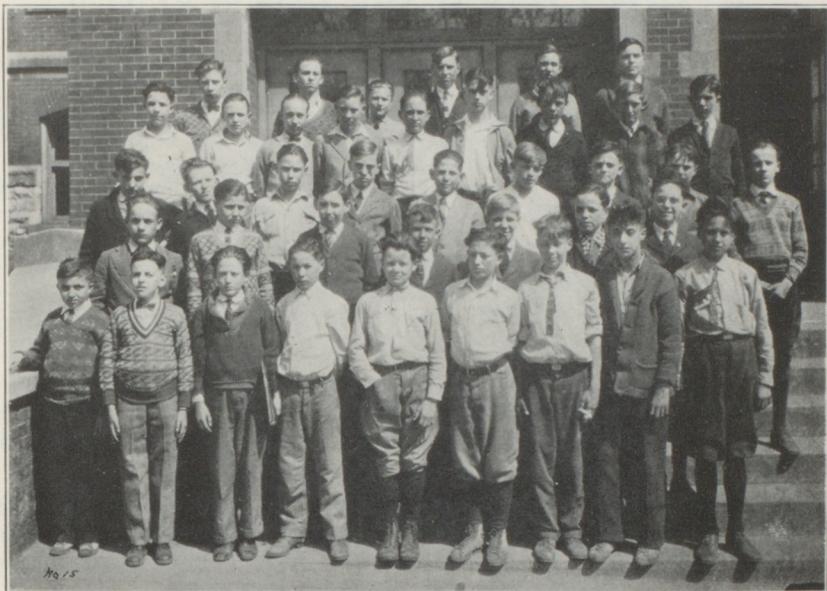
President	Blanche Holmes
Vice President.....	Helen Drake
Secretary	Georgia Anderson

Spring Semester

President	Harrold McLaughlin
Vice President.....	Sol Jacobson
Secretary	Georgia Dobson

Faculty Advisor—Miss Scott

TRI CLUB



First Row: S. Sands, E. Allen, L. Reid, L. Goodlaxon, J. Stevens, F. Parisi, R. Lane, L. Pearlman, L. Bruhn.
Second Row: H. Peggs, V. Trissler, G. Lyons, J. Allison, J. Ganchow, H. Harding, K. Colton.
Third Row: E. Neufeld, M. Pierce, D. Diehl, A. Dewey, D. McKay, R. Denham, E. Colton, C. Elbert, R. Blount.
Fourth Row: H. Rogers, H. Lewis, J. Toussaint, F. Lichty, R. Wray, J. Miller, W. Hasbrook, R. Chapman, B. Elbert.
Fifth Row: J. Rusk, S. Breeding, S. Paul, E. Stein, S. Jacobson, W. Hull.

The Tri Club of West High is a club formed to promote better citizenship and to give the boys a better knowledge of God and bigger things in life. The Tri Club was called the Junior Boys' Hi-Y. On account of the conflict with the name of the senior organization, the name was changed.

The meetings of this club are held on Wednesday of each week, at 12 o'clock in the club room. At these meetings, programs of various types are given. At some meetings, there are speakers who are very well known in the city. At others, recreation periods, such as play in the gymnasium, or swimming pool, are held.

Once every year, a boys' banquet and a joint banquet with the girls is held. This year, the joint banquet was held on May 14, 1926. The club also goes on several hikes during the semester, of which some are overnight trips.

The advisors of this club are Mr. Abbott of West High and Mr. Wheeler of the Y. M. C. A. These two advisors are very well suited for their positions and are very well liked by all the members of the club. The fee of this club is only a small portion of your time. It is open to all. The "Tri-Club welcomes all to its meetings."

OFFICERS

President	James Toussaint
Vice President	Arthur Dewey
Secretary	Leo Pearlman

JUNIOR CHARACTER CONFERENCE

Following the September Senior High Character Conference, a similar organization was created in the Junior School. The organization was adopted from the Senior High and the character-building program began immediately.

The first Junior High Character Conference was held Saturday, January 16, at the school building. It was a full day's program with work and play intermixed. Mr. Webber of the Y. M. C. A. gave a short devotional background for each session. The commissions were under the following chairmen: Character, John Stokely; Leisure Time, Jacquette Reese; Honesty, Harrison Harding; Democracy and Race Relations, Lillian Norton.

During the recreation periods, the students had time for physical and social life under the direction of Mr. Abbott and Miss Taylor. New friends, better friends, and a good time were the experience of these sessions.

Upon the return to classes, a better and more wholesome attitude prevailed among the students, and steps were taken by which the ideas gained might be put into practice. The commissions began holding monthly meetings, and reports of these were given in each home room.

Spring came on, and on Saturday, May 8, the Juniors went to Greenwood Park for another all-day conference. Each meeting was preceded by a devotional period given by the advisors from the Senior High, and the discussions covered many points that were not clear in the students' minds. It created certain ideals to do and to be.

The chairmen who served the second conference were of a very high type and proved their leadership ability in conducting an effective outdoor meeting. The Leisure Time chairman was Jacquette Reese; Honesty was led by Harrison Harding; Democracy and Race Relations was led by Lillian Norton; and Harmon Barton was the leader of the Character Commission.

MIXED CHORUS CONTEST

On the evening of May 4, 1926, the first Junior High mixed chorus contest for the city of Des Moines was held at the University Church of Christ. Seven junior high schools of the city participated. Each school was represented with a chorus of from 50 to 75 voices.

West selected from over 200 Junior High boys and girls a chorus of 75 voices. This chorus under the direction of Glen M. Case tied Washington Irving Junior High for second place. Amos Hiatt placed first.

This is the first big honor that West Junior High has received in music. With the splendid material that West now boasts, we should win many more such honors in the future.

JUNIOR ORCHESTRA

About three years ago, when the Junior and Senior schools were combined, West High thought it might be well to organize a Junior orchestra for those people who could read music, but could not play well enough to join the Senior orchestra. Under the leadership of Mr. Jones, it was accordingly organized.

Last fall this orchestra, with Miss Minter as director, began its work with eight members, and now there are twenty-nine. There are about seven second violins, eight first violins, two cornets, one saxaphone, four trombones, two flutes, one French horn, and one clarinet.

This organization not only prepares its members for the Senior orchestra, but also furnishes music for Junior High assemblies. We have had only one Junior musical assembly this year, but look forward to another one soon.

Orchestra practice begins at 7:45 A. M. and continues until 8:45 on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

This organization is open to anyone in Junior or Senior High who wishes to join.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The Junior Girls' Glee Club was organized in 1924 when Junior High started in West. It was under the direction of Miss Minter and was organized for the purpose of stimulating interest in music in Junior High, to develop talent for the Senior Girls' Glee Club, and to furnish programs for Junior High assemblies.

Last year Miss Rowland was the director, but this year Miss Minter is again our leader.

A great deal has been accomplished this year, and Junior High is proud of the organization. On demonstration night three songs were contributed to the program and the girls sang for some special dances given by the Physical Education Department. There were a number of ninth grade girls of the Junior Girls' Glee Club that sang with the Senior Girls' Glee Club at Roosevelt High School in the City High School Music Contest. Later in the spring we sang in the Junior High mixed chorus which won second place in Junior High Music Competition at the University Church of Christ.

OFFICERS

Fall Semester

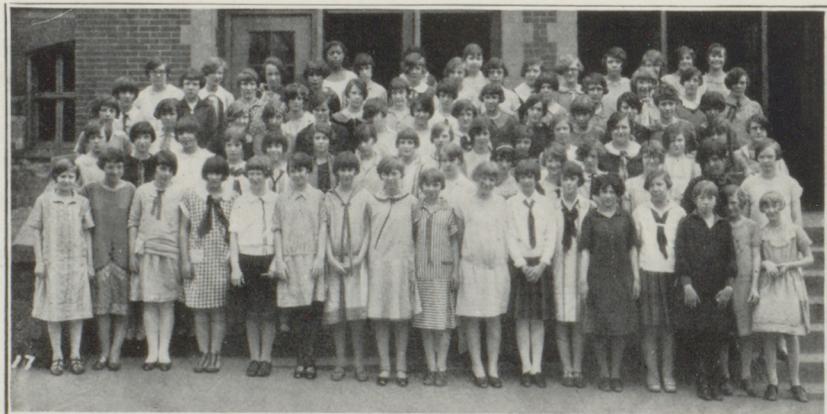
President	Helen Drake
Secretary	Alice Jansen
Librarian	Dorothy Sharp

Spring Semester

President	Jacquette Reese
Secretary	Alice Pye
Librarian	Mazie Anderson



First Row: W. Hasbrouk, S. Paul, S. Perkins, R. Webb, S. Jacobson, J. Sandberg, J. Lawson, E. Neufeld, J. Stokely, H. Hayden, S. Breeding, J. Ortale.
 Second Row: W. Hull, L. Stokely, C. Holmes, R. Stone, M. Saunders, L. Graves, F. Parisi, L. Pearlman, R. Burris, D. Glass, L. Eggengerger, C. Hayward.
 Third Row: K. Wilson, J. Toussaint, H. Lewis, T. Mays, G. Dixon, J. Stevens, J. Rusk, A. Huntzinger, W. Ashby, F. Braden, J. Miller.
 Fourth Row: K. Baxter, A. Dixon, R. Overholser, F. Beadle, C. Wade, J. Allen, C. Hull, C. Gayer, H. Breed, E. Michel, E. Long, R. Keith.
 Fifth Row: J. Patterson, R. Vande Venter, R. Merrill, F. Lichty, W. Stone, R. Fisher, R. Dahlman, Mr. Abbott, coach; R. Egger, J. Shaw.



First Row: R. Patrich, G. Baird, H. Groom, M. Nichols, F. Loeb, B. Williams, A. Stone, E. Mahaffa, H. Wickersham, A. Pye, B. Isaacs, L. Crawford, M. Silke, B. Moore, B. Burk, M. Steincamp, A. Maxon.
 Second Row: V. Prater, M. Shadford, M. Scheutz, M. Long, H. Norton, H. Grinspan, W. Coan, B. Ford, V. Terrihall, M. Anderson, V. Hayner, M. Efnor, M. Gibbons, M. Maloney, H. Ball, E. Nelson, G. Forster, L. Thoman, D. Norton, H. Northrup, T. Holland, C. Shular, E. Harvey.
 Third Row: F. Crary, O. Goodlaxon, G. Dobson, M. Halsey, V. Morain, E. Guild, L. Norton, D. Noah, M. Traister, K. Kensinger, G. Connelly, V. Altum, F. Brewer.
 Fourth Row: L. Perkins, J. Griffiths, C. Jensma, A. Jansen, B. Ray, M. Bohling, E. Chance, E. Abram, W. Jordon, H. Brownfield, D. Meline, J. Alexander, E. Kelly.
 Fifth Row: L. Smith, R. Nelson, K. Rowland, V. George, H. Mitten, D. Sharpe, R. Whetzel, J. Reese, R. Hall, G. Nazarene, M. Johnson, G. Farland, F. Bell, E. Hast, J. Cassell, Z. Morgan.

JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS

The Junior High athletic teams were highly successful this year in sportsmanship and winning qualities. The football team won two out of three games; the swimming team won all of their duel meets; our basket ball team never met defeat; the soccer team tied two out of five games; and the track team won the 440 yard relay at the Drake Relays.

FOOTBALL

West High Juniors are proud of the football team mainly because of its showing of West High spirit and also because of the team's winning two out of the three games played. The team defeated Lincoln twice, the scores showing good team work (14-0 and 28-0). The team defeated the Lincoln third team twice and lost a hard fought game to the Railsplitters' second team (6-0). The first game was captained by Raymond Fisher, the second by John Patterson, and the third by John Ortale. Our best players were Fisher, Patterson, Ortale, Egger, and Vante Venter.

SOCER

The soccer team did commendable work in team play but lacked scoring abilities. The team showed good footwork and tied Washington Irving twice, both games ending in a nothing to nothing score. The team lost three hard-fought games, two to Lincoln and one to Roosevelt. The last game of the season was played in two inches of snow with Lincoln. Mr. Culbertson did very fine work in shaping this team.

BASKET BALL

The Junior basket ball teams made an excellent showing this season. The A team won all of its eight games. The B, C, and D teams also made a successful appearance on the courts. The A team played twice with Washington Irving, three times with Lincoln, twice with Roosevelt, and once with Amos Hiatt. The players that were most skillful were: H. Breed, C. Gayer, I. Shaw, W. Stone, J. Allen, A. Huntzinger, and T. Mays. The success of the teams was made possible by the good coaching of Mr. Abbott.

SWIMMING

The swimming team was a huge success this year, winning all of its duel meets. Walter Hull, the captain, made the greatest number of points for West. The best tanker was Hull. After the Junior meets, Hull entered the Senior city meet and splashed his way to a Senior monogram.

TRACK

The Junior sprinters again caried the baton across the finish line first in the 440 yard relay for the second consecutive year at the Drake Relays. On the team were Raymond Overholser, Robert Webb, Theodore Marten, and Warren Ashby. Mr. Abbott has some good material and the track team should make a good showing in coming meets.

"TURNING THE TABLES"

That there was something mysterious brewing that afternoon in the high school, was all too evident. The "gang," dreaded by all, was gathered in the corner, conferring in whispers, with an occasional outburst of laughter. Everyone felt certain they were planning some dreadful deed, and simultaneously shivered, lest they be the intended victim.

Marian Wright, entering the building just then, felt, in the tense silence about her, that some dark shadow overhung them all. Marian was noted for her curiosity, and, having disposed of her wraps, silently tip-toed her way to the vicinity of the corner, and, unseen by the gang, listened intently. But listen as she might only an occasional snatch of the conversation reached her. "Eight-thirty tonight" "Scare him good" "Bob Shelton can't talk about us" "Billy Bones"

Marian waited for no more. All was clear to her now. "Bob Shelton! Let me see, he's in 45." She turned her steps to the commercial hall and reached room 45 just as Bob was leaving it. She joined him, and together they held an eager conference in a hidden corner. When it ended, both looked very well satisfied.

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"Wasn't it lucky the Old Prof forgot to look him up?" exclaimed Dick. "Otherwise we would have had to pick the lock."

"Yes, and it's lucky Bob has a date tonight. He won't be at home," said Tom. "I know, for I tried to date Marian myself."

"Luck is with us, all right," they all agreed.

"I say, who's going to do the dirty deed," asked Bill.

"We'll have to put it to a vote," said the leader.

"I nominate Ralph," said a voice.

"Ralph is nominated. Is there another?"

"I move the nominations cease, and that we make the vote for Ralph unanimous," said another.

"Aye! aye! Ralph is it."

So Ralph was destined to carry Billy Bones, the class skeleton, through several blocks of timber, to be deposited in Bob's bed, in that gentleman's absence.

"But, you'll have to wrap him up," insisted Ralph. "He'll be too gruesome to be good company otherwise." So they encased Billy Bones in a gunny sack, but one foot insisted on sticking out. And Ralph departed, to wreak vengeance on Bob for the gang.

As Ralph trudged along, old ghost stories came to his mind, and queer, icy shivers found their way up and down his spine. The dark became intense. Then came queer noises. "What was that?" Ralph was certain he heard footsteps behind him. But when he turned to look, there was nothing to be seen but the moon. His heart beat like a trip-hammer and he increased his speed. He broke into a trot, then stopped short. A queer, white figure crossed the path in front of him and disappeared behind some

bushes. Faster and faster Ralph went, only to see ghastly faces leer at him from behind the trees, and to have queer, hissing noises greet his ears.

The perspiration came in great beads. Would the road through the timber never end? He began to run and as he did so, the noises increased for Bill Bones himself began to rattle. At last he reached the lane that led to Bob's house, and with leaving the timber and its queer noises, his courage returned. The humorous side of the situation gripped him, and he felt he must laugh aloud.

He reached the house and stumbled up on the porch. All was dark. Just as he reached for the door knob, the door flung wide open and there stood Bob to greet him.

"Good evening, Ralph. Ho! ho! Since when do you keep company with skeletons?"

"Why—er—er—er," was all Ralph seemed able to say. He dropped Billy Bones and bolted for the door. Nor did he stop to see whether the ghosts of the timber were still there, while back in Bob Shelton's room, a young man laughed until his sides ached over the turn the tables had taken.

HELEN HERBRECHT, 7 A1.

A TRAGEDY

A boy with a gun went hunting,
But he saw not a single thing,
Until upon his homeward way
He saw a robin, blithe and gay.
"Bang!" went his brand new gun!
He didn't think—'twas only fun.
But robin fell from the heavens high
Uttering one last mournful cry.
And as it lay ruffled upon the ground,
The boy ran up and then he found
That he didn't want robin anyway.
So he left it there upon the clay.
Another of God's creatures killed by the hand
Of those who do not understand.

RORERT SEIGEL, 8B-1.

A NICE DAY RUINED

"Pop" went the tire of the car next to me. I was riding my bike, and a car was just passing me when it had a blowout. I stopped and kidded the crowd a little and then went on. "Pop" went a tire, and I looked beside me and there was the same car. It had had another blowout. I stopped again and kidded them about their very good luck and wished them more of it. "Pop." I turned around but I saw no car. I looked down and saw that my own tire was flat. What I said nobody needs to know.

AXEL ANDERSON, 7A-1.

LIFE OF A DICTIONARY

I consist of about 2,792 pages filled with all kinds of words. People use me to better their vocabulary. They also come to me to comprehend what other people say. I am about a foot long, eight inches thick, and ten inches wide. I have every letter of the alphabet in me. I have pictures of flags, coins, animals, and automobiles in me. I am sometimes used very roughly. People often have big arguments over words and come to me to prove their side of the story. Here comes a lot of noisy people to interfere with my rest.

HAROLD WILKISON.

MY DIERY OF SKOOL DAES

Monday: the first day: brite and fare. i got to study the interor dekorating of mises brooks ofise today becuze a kid let out a yel when i hit him with a papur wad.

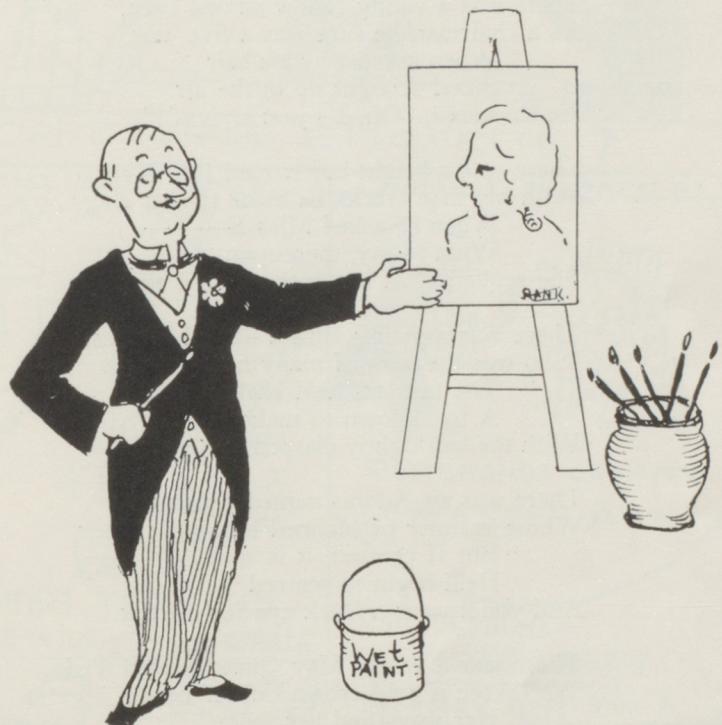
Tuesday: the day after: boy we shur saw legs flie today when old bill upset in his chare. jist then the teechur came bi and he was shur piked up in a terrible hury.

Wednesday: the next day: bad and rany. we shur had a most excitin rip rorin time today when the old siren started whoopin and the teechur throwed up her hands in miserble terrer when we went out the door 5 to a time.

Thursday: another day: skool as usual nothin excitin happend all day till the last thing when old Tim got up to give his theem which he had wrote rite well. it was about turned up noses. Teechurs eyes got so fiery and she got so red all over that she couldn't say nothin and just sat there and looked daggers. Well Tim didnt know nothin for the next weak he was so gnocked out of his proper sense.

Friday: the last day: brite and fare. We went in swimmin today and old sissy which can't swim a inch got pushed in the deepest part. His lungs sure wasn't ingured if his body was for evry time he came up he let out a yel which would have won a state contest. skool out which means freedom for too daes enway.

FAIRWEL.



FEATURES

There was a young fellow named Ivan,
As a chairman he sure was a live 'un;
When asked why his hair
Stood straight up in the air
He answered, "Oh, it's just arrivin'!"

There was a bright boy named Bob King,
With his wise cracks he made the air ring;
When he asked Miss K——
What to say, thereupon
She replied, "I'd lots rather you'd sing."

There was a young athlete named Barnes,
Who was the hero of many fine yarns;
The tacklers he'd shake
A touchdown to make
With the ball tightly clasped in his arms.

There was an Adonis named Squeak,
Whose manner proclaimed him quite meek,
But if crossed, it is said,
He'll begin to see red
And you'll wear a black eye for a week.

There was a young May Queen named Ted,
Who wore a gold crown on her head;
Her ways and her wiles
And her innocent smiles
Are the sweetest of all, it is said.

There was a young chap named McCay,
Who was famous, so some people say,
For being quite wise
And for rolling his eyes
In the awfullest, vampishest way.



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Honest Yaleski Pearlskivad.
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Of our poor but honest working boy
Had lots of dough but a father bad,
Who hated this pious, handsome lad.
Fearing his daughter's virgin beau,
And craving her inherited dough,
He took all her cash that he could seize,
And carried her off to the Southern Seas.
But his ship was captured by the crew
Of the bloody pirate, Hooeryu.
Yaleski failed to take the slip
And bravely followed the pirate's ship
Up and around the Spanish Main,
Living on garlic, rum and rain.
But the pirate tired of the girl's old man
And doing as only pirates can,
Threw out a plank o'er the briny deep
And made the old man take the leap.
Next day, just as the dawn had come
Old Hooeryu, filled with bootleg rum,
With knives, and relics of some old war
Crept stealthily to Alberta's door;
And his evil mind was quick to dote
On where he'd cut the damsel's throat.
And he sneered at her high soprano snore
As he carefully tried the twice-locked door.
But Alberta sleeping restlessly,
Awoke at the sound of a grating key,
Screamed with the power of a dying horse,
As the door broke down from the pirate's force.
Just then Yaleski climbed on deck.
With a can of beans and about a peck
Of T. N. T., with which he might
Fill up those beans with dynamite.
And so he did, and to seal their fate,
He put them on each pirate's plate,
Then rang the breakfast bell to call
The cut-throats to their morning brawl.
The crew by every way and means
Did gobble up those loaded beans,
And Hooeryu ate his full well
And then went back to Miss Ortell.
Alas too late, the morning skoff,
Struck rum down there and then went off.
Leaving the ship with treasure too
Cleared of all the motley crew
To our honest, handsome, pious lad,
Little Yaleski Pearlskivad.
And his Swedish sweetie, known so well
As our lovely shero, Alberta Ortell.

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T Ed Brown

Wm. Wa **R**d

Mrs. Foster: “In what course will my son Bob graduate?”

Mr. Steeper: “In the course of time.”

Al Ortale: “I just bought a suit with two pair of trousers.”

S. Ward: “How do you like it?”

A. O.: “Fine, only it’s kinda hot wearing two pair.”

Miss H.: “How many seasons are there?”

J. B. “Three, football, basketball, and track.”

Hard-working student: “Have you some good light reading?”

Mrs. Griffiths: “We have several books on the gas industry and some on ballooning. Which would you prefer?”

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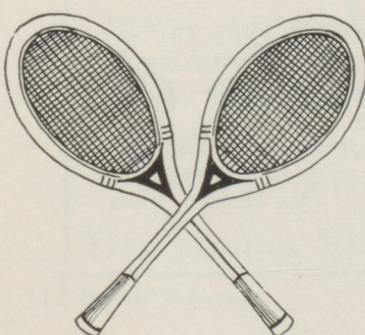
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Mr. Goodell: "I plant mine in soil."

Simp: "What are pauses?"

Samp: "Something that grows on cats."

Dumb: "I'm taking my little girl to the museum."

Dumber: "Is that so? Great Scott!! What is the matter with her?"

Heard in Journalism class:
"Where did you get these jokes?"
"Out of the air."
"Well, I advise you to get some fresh air."

Miss Pickrell: "We surely have had a poor recitation today—I did most of it myself."

Miss Huffman: "I'm tempted to give every one of you a five."

Small voice from the back row: "Yield not to temptation."

When the bell rang someone in the gym dressing room was heard singing: "Don't send me posies when it's shoesies that I need."

She: "Great Scott, I've forgotten who wrote *Ivanhoe*."

He: "I'll tell you if you'll tell me who the Dickens wrote *Tale of Two Cities*."

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Seniors' Lament

By William Ward

Breaking Hearts,
Cracking noisily to the tune
Of dropping tears,
Tears from dimming, dripping eyes,
Tears of laughter.

Aching lumps,
Filling up our throbbing throats,
Sweet, sad memories!
How we love our dear old school—
Love to leave it.

Faithful friends,
Faithful while they cut our throats;
We enjoyed it.
"Loan me two-bits, got a dime?"
How we'll miss them.

Faculty.
Bless their teasing, trying ways,
Useful creatures.
How we love them, love to tell them,
(This is censored).

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Hank Finds Out

"Howdy, folks! How's yer rabbits?"

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Waal, I don't hardly know what ter make o' sech, ez Hiram ain't usually an ill-wishin' feller, an' anyways I ain't got no rabbits.

I walks down the road a piece, an' I meets Jake Kenzell. Jake, he stops his ole brown mare, takes 'is pipe outer 'is mouth, an' sez, "Howdy, Hank! Hope yer rabbits all die!"

Waal, then I begun ter git mistified. These-yer folks around Higgin's Holler knows me purty well, an' I wonder's how-come.

So the nex' time I meet anybody I ask 'em why for?

An' come to find out, it ain't nothin' but one o' them new-fangled slang phrases!

Goodby for this time.

Hope yer rabbits all die.

—Hank Hopkins.

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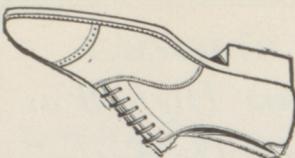
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Mrs. Barnes: "Jack, did you take a bath?"

Jack: "No, is one gone?"

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Mr. Meier: "You may remain here for the present."

Al Ortale (ten minutes later): "Where's the present?"

Waitress: "Order please."

Bob Foster: "Whazzamatter—I ain't makin' any noise."

Helen H.: "A little bird told me you were going to buy me a diamond."

Vernon C.: "It must have been a little cuckoo."

Russ N.: "Each hour I spend with you is like a pearl to me."

Dorothy B.: "Oh Russ, quit stringing me."

Al O.: "How do bees dispose of their honey?"

Jimmy P.: "They sell it."

Mrs. Griffiths: "James! James! Wake up."

Jimmy P.: "I can't."

Mrs. Griffiths: "Why not?"

Jimmy P.: "I'm not asleep."

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B. K.: "No, our old cow died and we're going to have a barbecue."

Bob Lee: "What's good for cleaning ivory?"

Squeak W.: "Did you ever try a shampoo?"

Teacher: "Can you tell me who succeeded Edward VI?"

Johnny: "Mary."

Teacher: "Correct. Now, who followed Mary?"

Susie (absent-mindedly): "Her little lamb."

"That's the bunk," shrieked the chamber-maid, as the folding cot fell upon her frame.

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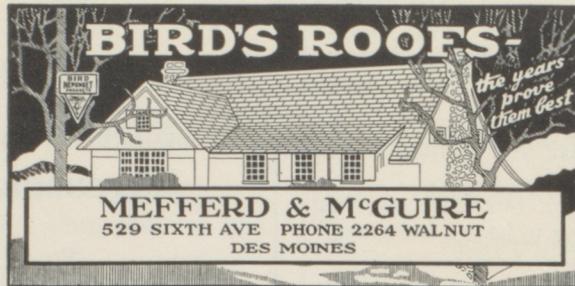
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When you grow up,
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am a gal?" inquired Parson Jones of
one of his colored flock.

"Yassuh."

"An' de other one, am dot of the
contrary sex?"

"Yassuh, she am a girl, too."

Johnny: "Can a person get pun-
ished for something he didn't do?"

Teacher: "Of course, not."

Johnny: "Well, I didn't do my
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"It's got a dead C in it."

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Stay-out-late: "Mr. Carr."

Landlord: "Well, what do I care if you missed a car. Go along, don't bother me."

"Your eyes remind me of a star!"

"Ah, which one?"

"Ben Turpin."

R. V. H.: "Rather than remain single, would you marry the biggest fool on earth?"

Mary P.: "Oh! This is so sudden."

Pre-Grad.: "Holy Moses! What was that? A cyclone?"

Post-Grad.: "Just a Junior going to his next class."

He: "I think I'll have to revise the alphabet."

She: "Why?"

He: "And put U and I closer together."

Mr. Mc.: "Why can't a deaf and dumb man be convicted of a crime?"

Stude: "He must have a hearing."

Dumb: "I hear they are grafting rubber plants on banana trees."

Dumber: "What for?"

Dumb: "To make non-skid banana peels."

A lady walked into a department store and said, "I want something in oils for the dining room."

Salesman: "What'll it be? A landscape or a can of sardines?"

He: "May I kiss you goodnight?"

She: "It's not my principle."

He: "Well, let's drop the principle and show some interest."

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1. Nothing is better than a good lesson.—Faculty.

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3. A poor lesson is better than a good lesson.—Things equal to the same thing are equal to each other.

"Show me the way to go home," sang the drunken evolutionist, as he climbed a tree.

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"Oliver Twist, why?"

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